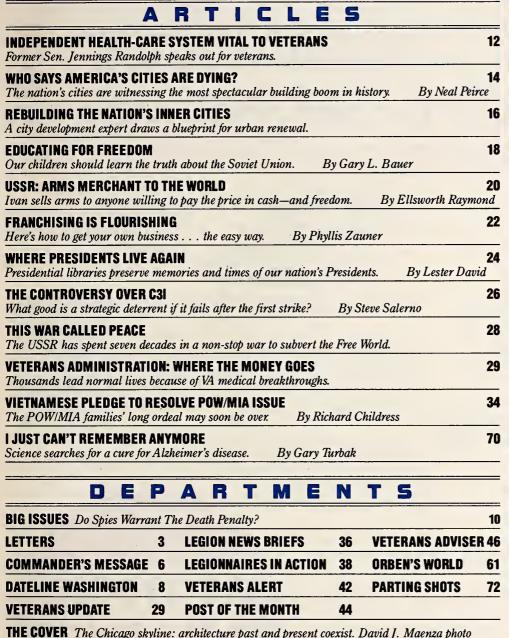
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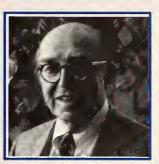


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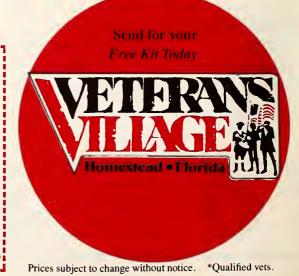
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Jobless Veterans

The article on "America's Unemployment Problem" (October) was very disturbing. I would support efforts to determine the cause and remedy for excessive unemployment of Vietnam veterans. They have unique problems and we all know it. Where I have serious concern is the employment problems for "recently separated servicemen."

What about "Be all that you can be in the Army," "A good place to start" and other recruiting slogans that I see on TV all the time? Are they just that . slogans? Is the Department of Defense guilty of false advertising? I am all for the schooling and training our young people get when they volunteer for a hitch, but I find it difficult to support the job preference they receive in JTPA programs after they are separated. If the government promises training while in the service, then that is where they should get it. If they don't learn a skill, why should we expect they will do any better in a JTPA program after they get out?

Frank J. O'Neill Dunlap, Calif.

Proud Reflections

My compliments to Phillip C. Clarke on a fine article, "Reflections on Vietnam" (November). As one who viewed it on TV and in the press, I feel he finally touched on a subject that I totally agree. Why are the media so touchy about criticism? They are to blame for much of the public opinion on Vietnam. They fed us constantly all the bad things that we were doing to the enemy.

Vietnam was a political mess that caused needless suffering and lives. I

have never been ashamed of the way our fighting men and women conducted themselves, but of the way they were treated by their fellow Americans at home. The Vietnam veterans did their jobs. This country owes them and all our veterans our never-ending love and gratitude.

R. A. Gardner Symsonia, Ky.

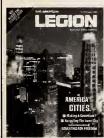
War of 1812

"A Veteran Is" (November) is most appropriate, but the statement "A veteran is at once proud and humble: proud of the fact that in 200 years no foreign enemy has set foot on American soil . . . " is incorrect.

The War of 1812 found the British army burning the White House in Washington, D.C. The repainting of the building to cover up the burn marks with white paint gave it the name by which it is known.

> Frank Beach North Haven, Conn.

Feeding the Crocodile



ters of an ancient African fishing village renowned for its preponderance of maneating crocodiles, the village chief was asked how his people kept from being eaten by the crocodiles.

"It's simple," the old

one said, the wisdom of a lifetime etched on his weathered countenance. "To avoid being eaten by a crocodile, we feed it an arm. When we run out of arms, we feed it a leg. Then we feed it another leg. That is how to avoid being eaten by a crocodile. It works . . . for awhile.'

The story may be apocryphal, but it clearly emphasizes the futility of surrendering items one by one in the hope of preserving a poorly defined whole.

Such is the case with the VA health-care system and recent congressional moves to dismantle it piecemeal. For example, from its inception in 1930 to about 1975, the VA budget kept reasonable pace with the healthcare needs of an ever-growing veterans population. In the past 10 years, however, the VA budget stopped keeping pace. While the Medicare budget grew 449 percent during that time, the VA budget grew only 137 percent. Throw the crocodile an arm.

If that weren't bad enough, in the next 14 years more than 9 million veterans age 65 ety, see pages 29-32. and over will become eligible for VA health

In the fetid backwa- care. At its depressed rate of growth, the VA budget cannot care for these veterans. Throw the crocodile another arm.

Then came the third-party reimbursement and means test meals. The third-party reimbursement will require insurance companies to pay the VA for medical care given to their policyholding veterans. The means test will require veterans seeking VA health care for non-service-connected illnesses to prove their inability to pay for treatment. Throw the crocodile a leg.

Next in the life-or-limb confrontations came the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings proposal to it eats that, we feed it another arm. When balance the federal deficit by exposing veterans benefits to the budget ax, while excluding any cuts from Social Security. Such proposals by fiscal conservatives further reduce the VA's ability to care for America's veterans. Throw the crocodile another leg.

While the VA health-care system is a commitment made by a grateful nation to the men and women who served our country in time of need, all Americans benefit by its existence. The constant chipping away of the VA's ability to serve veterans in need-this feeding the crocodile approach-hurts all Americans.

The VA is not for veterans alone, but for all Americans because what helps America's veterans, helps America itself. In addition, America has benefited significantly from the technology generated by the VA. For a glimpse of where today's VA budget goes and the many contributions of the VA to soci-

The Editors

Always a Buddy

In "Taking the Next Hill" (November). Gen. Louis Wilson talks about the buddy system and its foundations developed early in life. I found the buddy system also very strong late in life when, at 86, I was admitted for emergency care at the Castle Point VA hospital. There, the buddy system took the form of patient helping patient to free up valuable time for the nurses.

It's good to know our comradeship continues to be "an article of faith" late in life as well.

Rev. Del Kinney Retired chaplain, N.J.

She Wears Stars

Regarding your article under Dateline Washington titled "Military Sex Discrimination" (November), I'm sure that Brig. Gen. Gail M. Reals, director, Manpower Plans and Policy Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, might take issue with you that there are currently no women at the general officer level within the Marine Corps. Frocked only last spring, she still wears the star and has all the responsibilities of her male counterparts.

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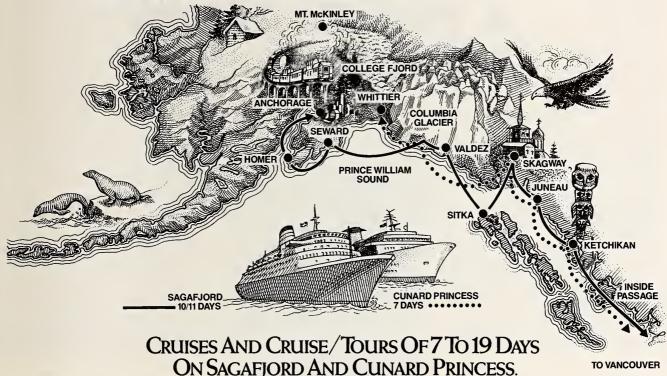
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Americanism Month: A Time To Reflect On Being American

everal significant events will mark February's annual observance of Americanism Month. Posts and units will intensify their efforts to emphasize more than 200 years of American heritage by sponsoring and supporting programs that bring home to every citizen the unique and valuable legacy of all that America stands for.

Beyond that, during our annual Washington Conference at month's end, the Legion's National Committee on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution will hold its first meeting. This important committee will chart the course of American Legion programs and activities for the Bicentennial celebration, Sept. 17, 1987, and work with a federal commission on the Bicentennial.

Simply stated, the U.S. Constitution enunciates the limitations on government, the inalienable rights and timeless principles of individual liberty, and responsibility and equality before the law for the people of the United States of America. When we consider this magnificent document, we also must consider the leadership and great acts of heroism it inspired.

Also this month we observe President's Day, which honors two of our greatest leaders. George Washington helped shape and direct our Republic when it was in its infancy. It was his steady hand that brought a confederation of states into a fledgling nation, governed through the structure of the seven articles of the Constitution. And Abraham Lincoln may truly be called the defender of the Constitution, for his dedication to its integrity and to preserving the union ranks second only to the founding of America.

In each succeeding generation, as our nation's population grew and as more



Nat'l Cmdr. Dale L. Renaud

"As more stars were added to our flag, 'Americanism' took on a more definite meaning."

stars were added to our flag, "Americanism" took on a more definite meaning. The traditions we established in exercising our God-given rights as stated in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the Constitution became embedded in the spirit of the nation.

An important point to remember is that those traditions were steeped in a deep conviction that our inalienable rights—our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—were an endowment from our Creator.

And when those rights were threatened, America fought. Her defenders fought for God, country, and the citizens who were blessed with the sovereign authority to govern, with no branch or agency of the government allowed to operate in violation of their express will.

Although history records many acts of valor committed in America's wartime struggles since her birth as a nation, one we commemorate this month symbolizes that love of our fellow citizens.

Performers of the act were the four chaplains aboard a troop transport, the SS Dorchester. Amid the chaos of a vessel doomed to the depths of the bitter north Atlantic, they gave up their life preservers so that others might live.

Each of these observances—President's Day and Four Chaplains Sunday—stresses as an underlying Americanism theme, the unity of "one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all," under the auspices of one of the greatest documents ever written: the Constitution of the United States.

Washington fought to establish, and presided over, the first union of states; Lincoln preserved the Union; the four chaplains exemplified the unity of all Americans by sacrificing themselves for their comrades.

This theme is as much alive today as ever. Our unity as a nation is becoming more and more evident. The unity of our communities in combating social ills and our commitment to the well-being of our neighbors is resurging. The unity of veterans in their common dedication to preserving our heritage through continued service is growing daily.

The traditions that have evolved over the past 200 years have deep roots and will continue to grow as long as our fellow citizens remember how dearly we have paid for them.

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"Nyet" to Soviet Goods?

When and if the day comes that the U.S. government bans the importation of products made in the gulags of the USSR, Sen. William L. Armstrong of Colorado may be the man mostly responsible for achieving the ban.

For several years, Armstrong has led a move in Congress to get the Treasury Department to enforce a 55-year-old law that forbids importing Russian goods or products made by enforced labor. In his latest bid, Armstrong pointed out that the CIA reported to lawmakers that more than 100 items made in the Soviet Union can be attributed, in part, to the labor of an estimated 4 million people held in prison camps, many of whom are confined because of their political or religious beliefs.

Treasure officials, however, have contended there is no reasonable evidence to establish a link between forced labor practices and Soviet imports.

Armstrong said the amount of money involved in gulagproduced imports is small, but declared that the principle involved is big and he will not give up the fight.

Save the Children

While the United States and Soviet Union may not see eyeto-eye on a number of issues, one issue would allow both countries to pool their efforts: saving children from killer diseases.

Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana and Sen. Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island have proposed that the two superpowers pool their efforts to help rid the world of rampant diseases through immunizations.

Of the estimated 15 million children that die each year, more than half could be saved if they received vaccinations, Pell said. The six major killer diseases of children are polio, whooping cough, measles, diptheria, tetanus and tuberculosis.

Both countries worked together in the 1960s and 1970s in the international war against smallpox—a battle that all but eliminated the disease. Pell said progress in medical technology has made it possible, given the political will and resources, for all children to be immunized against the six diseases by 1990 at a cost of \$5 per child.

Pell said the advantage of a joint U.S.-Soviet immunization program is that both countries would have to combine their medical resources, but would bypass the political competition.

Workfare Works Fair

Mandatory work requirements for families with dependent children receiving aid—workfare—has fared well throughout the nation, many experts have said. But Sen. William Proxmire of Wisconsin is asking Congress to try a new approach to the idea.

Proxmire has submitted a bill that would require heads of households in two-parent families to work as a condition of receiving welfare checks from the Aid to Familes with Dependent Children (AFDC) program.

Proxmire said the program involving single-parent families bit the dust because the head of household also had the problem of raising children. Proxmire's plan would be applied in cases where there are two parents, an approach he said proved successful in West Virginia where 40 percent of welfare fathers were put to work on community projects.

"It has been my experience that most Americans genuinely want to work," Proxmire said.

Fuel Farms Pose Threat

Billions of gallons of fuel are stored at tank farms across the country and are potential time bombs waiting to explode, said Rep. Frank J. Guarini of New Jersey.

Guarini, who introduced legislation to tighten safety measures at such facilities, said many tank farm explosions resulted from overfilled tanks. Guarini's action was prompted by a storage tank explosion in his home state in 1983, when one person was killed and 23 were injured. About \$15 million in property damage resulted from the blast.

Guarini's legislation would require alarm systems at all manned fuel storage facilities, which would be activated in case of any malfunction of the holding tank. He said such a system would give people time to halt the flow of fuel. Automatic shutoff devices also would be required at unmanned terminals.

Automation in the tank farm industry is long overdue, Guarini said, adding that the bill would protect residential and industrial areas within communities.

Curbing Easy Riders

The General Accounting Office has reported that 79 administration officials illegally used chauffeur-driven vehicles between January and June 1985. Concern over the abuses prompted Rep. Lee Hamilton of Indiana to introduce legislation that would reduce the use of government automobiles.

Hamilton's bill limits the number of executive branch officials authorized to use the chauffeured vehicles to and from work from 40 to 28. Congress' number would be cut from 20 to 14, and the Supreme Court would be limited to a single vehicle for the Chief Justice.

Quote of the Month

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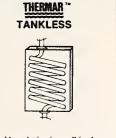
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Do Spies Warrant the Death Penalty?

Rep. Eldon Rudd, R-Ariz.

Espionage in the United States is a growing problem and my primary reason for supporting the death penalty for convicted spies is to provide a legislative deterrent against espionage, which now is woefully lacking.

The case of the Walker spy clan is only the latest in a rash of spy scandals that—if not stopped—could jeopardize the security of every American. Unfortunately, the Walker case is just the tip of the iceberg. The staggering fact is that we have had more people charged with espionage in the past year than ever before in our nation's history.

This is clear evidence that the current maximum sentence of life imprisonment for espionage is not a sufficient deterrent against these crimes.

What caused this glut of accused spies? Most experts agree the widespread availability of classified information to military and civilian persons, as well as the increased number of Soviet and Eastern-bloc agents assigned to the United States are two primary factors. But the most disturbing finding, they say, is that people are selling U.S. secrets for cash. It says in the KGB manual, "Americans can be bought."

The Soviets' apparent new success in recruiting spies, according to former CIA official George Carver Jr., is the result of a decline in feelings of patriotism among members of the "Me Generation" filling sensitive positions in government and industry. "You've got the offspring of a generation that is not very ideologically motivated, that is extraordinarily self-oriented, that thinks if the Soviets can supply their material needs, then patriotism and honor mean nothing."

In January 1985, I introduced HR 704, which establishes sound constitutional guidelines for the imposition of the death penalty for persons convicted of espionage and treason. This bill is meant to act as a deterrent to people contemplating these crimes and should be passed for two good reasons: Tougher penalties have been proven to have a deterrent effect

on white-collar criminals; and the overwhelming majority of the American people believe these crimes are despicable enough to warrant the death penalty.





The rash of recent spy cases has shown that the safe-guards for our nation's vital secrets are fundamentally flawed. The weaknesses in our present system go to the core of how we designate and protect our secrets: Too much insignificant information is classified; too many people are

approved to handle classified data; there is a severe backlog in periodic reclearances; and there are too many Soviet-bloc intelligence agents allowed in this country under diplomatic cover.

As a deterrent to murder, the death penalty is of dubious value. Some states with the death penalty have higher murder rates than states without the death penalty. As a deterrent to espionage, the death penalty would be even less effective. When admitted spy John A. Walker Jr. started to sell secrets to the Soviets 20 years ago, he faced the death penalty for espionage. It obviously had no deterrent effect on him.

Many captured spies are never brought to trial at all because we hope to convert them into double agents, or because we fear that the damage to national security would be aggravated by the disclosure of further secrets at trial.

When we do convict spies, we tend to trade them for agents of our own whom the Soviets have captured. Such East-West exchanges are the insurance policy we hold out to those we recruit to work for us in communist countries. If we start executing spies, we will lose our bargaining chips, and our agents will lose their insurance policy.

The theoretical prospect of the death penalty is not likely to have much effect on the spy who betrays his country for money. Traitors for hire, like killers for hire, do not expect to be caught. For them, the differences between life imprisonment and a death sentence is meaningless.

Finally, the manner in which death penalty trials are conducted will create serious problems in spy cases. To show

that a case is so serious as to warrant the death penalty, the prosecution would have to explain the value of the stolen information. This is often what we do not want.

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INDEPENDENT HEALTH CARE VITAL TO VETERANS

QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR THE NATION'S VETERANS CANNOT BE ASSURED WITHOUT AN INDEPENDENT VA HEALTH-CARE SYSTEM, SAYS FORMER SEN. JENNINGS RANDOLPH.

American Legion Magazine: Senator Randolph, your 42 years of service in Congress gives you a unique perspective of the VA's development over the past several decades. What were the principal responsibilities assigned to the VA when it was established?

Sen. Randolph: Although the history of veterans programs dates back to colonial days, when the VA was established by executive order in 1930 the number of programs was limited to homes for disabled and indigent veterans, disability compensation, insurance for servicemen and veterans, a family allotment program for service personnel, and vocational rehabilitation. Today, the VA is the largest of all independent federal agencies, administering a wide range of health care and medical programs, pensions and disability compensation.

In your opinion, did veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam return to civilian life with differing needs that required specialized services to meet those needs?

Certainly, veterans returned to differing circumstances and political and social climates after World War II, Korea and Vietnam. World War II veterans were welcomed as conquering heroes. In a sense, the veterans of Korea were welcomed with less enthusiasm—and in many instances, Vietnam veterans were rejected upon their return home. These are the realities that the Congress and the VA had to face. Some of the most significant changes in program areas to meet

specific problems have been extension of the GI Bill; expansion of medical care, alcohol and drug abuse treatment; and initiation of outreach.

Public opinion toward veterans seems to have been somewhat erratic over the past 40 years. Has the "ebb and flow" of public support been reflected in congressional attitudes during that period?

I think the answer, to some extent, is yes. The national trauma over the Vietnam conflict and the rejection of many returning veterans probably, in some degree, prevented the Congress from recognizing the unique problems of Vietnam veterans in a timely manner.

U• Existing federal budget difficulties are serious and many congressional members are re-evaluating recent spending in their search for savings. How would you rate the VA's fiscal responsibility over the past 5 to 10 years?

The VA rates very high in pursuing fiscal responsibility. Government studies demonstrate that the VA is meeting its obligations to our veterans and at the same time developing a more effective and efficient system to deliver services. The workload of the VA has increased at a much higher rate than its budget.

• It appears that medical care has presented the most convenient VA source for recent budget cuts. Is there a particular reason for this?

Unfortunately, any medical care program whether VA, Medicare or Medicaid, may be targeted for budget cutting. There are so many judgments that must be made in the administration of medical care that many people perceive substantial opportunities to cut the budget. For example, whether a person should be admitted to a hospital, what the length of stay should be, what type of treatment should be involved, whether surgery is needed—these are all subjective judgments. If pressure and restrictive guidelines are imposed on the people who make these decisions, budgets may be reduced.

Q. Over the past few years a "collision course" in VA medical care has been barely averted with the enactment of specialized treatment services despite the objection of those on Capitol Hill who seek substantial cuts in VA medicine. Is a "collision" inevitable?

I do not think a "collision" is inevitable. Obviously, in this period of budget constraints there will be intense competition for funds, not only within the VA, but also between the VA and other program areas. But I feel that there are so many members of Congress who are committed to quality health care for our veterans that they will prevail. And these are not just older members of Congress, as some might think. There is a new generation of members who serve on the veterans affairs committees who are, and will continue to be, activists in ensuring the quality and quantity of health care for veterans.

Q. Those who challenge the existence of an independent VA health-care system argue that all veterans could be adequately treated in the private sector. Doesn't this ignore the multiplicity of VA's medical mission?

Yes. The basic mission of the VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery is to ensure that quality medical care is provided on a timely basis to eligible veterans now and in the future. That mission cannot be fulfilled without an independent VA health-care system. It would be impossible to ensure that our veterans receive consistent quality medical care if treatment were handed over to the private sector. Such action would create an unmanageable situation and would be a disservice to our veterans and their families. The VA



t is highly important that the veterans community maintain continuing contact with House and Senate members."

system provides health care for veterans; it is a backup for national emergencies; it provides educational and training opportunities for health care personnel and doctors; and it indeed benefits the general population through medical research. All of these features of the VA medical care mission are necessary if veterans are to receive needed health services.

• If the VA health-care system were dismantled, most non-service-connected veterans with limited incomes would likely be treated under Medicare or Medicaid. Wouldn't this be a transfer of medical costs rather than any appreciable savings in federal expenditures?

A. It is doubtful that there would be any substantial savings through the transfer of non-service-connected veterans to Medicare or Medicaid. And, as I pointed out, I think we would create more problems than we would solve.

• It's rather obvious that the "graying" of America has made health-care planning a matter of top priority. Since the veteran population has assumed the same basic aging characteristics, shouldn't VA medicine be allowed to continue its leadership role in geriatric research?

Certainly, with our aging veterans population, geriatric research is very important. Such research can lead to better treatment programs, improved assessment techniques, reduced hospitalization and reduced mortality rates. In my judgment, this effort of the VA will also benefit the general population.

• What advice or guidance would you offer veterans in their communications with the nation's leaders in Washington?

As a Senator from West Virginia and as a member of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, I welcomed to my office veterans from West Virginia and throughout the nation. I was constantly involved in veterans programs and legislation and benefited from these meetings. However, only a small number of members have the opportunity to serve on veterans affairs committees and not all members have an interest in veterans legislation. Thus, it is highly important that the veterans community maintain continuing contact with House and Senate members. Veterans must consistently outline the problems they face, their needs and suggested solutions. A constant dialogue between veterans and elected officials is vitally important. It is equally important that veterans work through their organizations, such as The American Legion, in this process.

Sen. Jennings Randolph, who retired from the U.S. Senate in 1984 after serving as Senator from West Virginia for 26 years, was a member of the veterans affairs committee from 1981-84.

WHO SAYS AMERICA'S ACTIES ARE DYING?

Despite their inherent socioeconomic problems, U.S. cities are glowing with a renewed vitality that's luring many Americans back downtown to live, work and play.

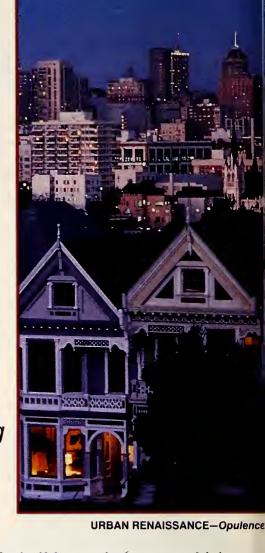
By Neal Peirce

HE 1970s were open season on the American city. Journalists, academicians and assorted armchair critics were constantly proclaiming the "death" of our metropolises. Some even proclaimed that our cities "are physically obsolete; financially unworkable; crime-ridden; garbage-strewn; polluted; torn by racial conflict; and wallowing in welfare, unemployment, despair and corruption."

What a difference a decade makes! Not only are our cities still very much alive, but also since the mid-1970s, their central districts have witnessed the most spectacular urban building boom of American history.

Neal Peirce, lecturer, author and expert in urban affairs, writes the nation's only syndicated newspaper column that focuses on cities and states. Pick your region of America—from old Boston to shiny new San Diego, from the restored wharves of Savannah, Ga., to a reborn Seattle on Puget Sound—and you find cities of immense vitality and distinction, many of them what some observers call "command and control centers" of a vibrant international economy.

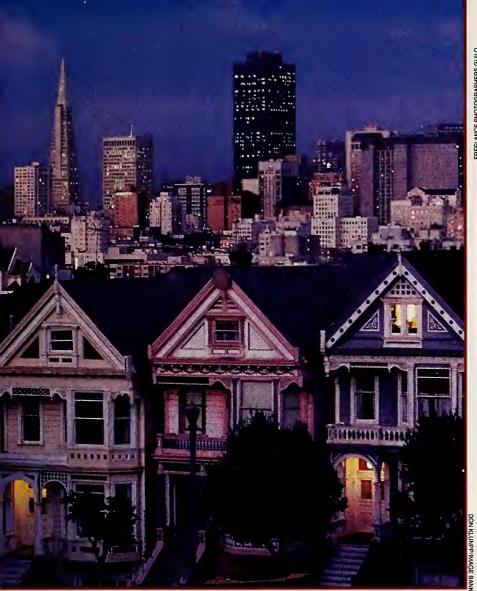
Cities always have had, and most likely always will have, sets of excruciating problems. In a sense they are the stage on which the best and worst of the human condition is played out, always for all the world to see. Name a social problem, and you will find it festering in a city. Some towns, prisoners of their industrial revolution past, still wait forlornly for significant recovery. Among them are mammoth Detroit, or such small towns as Gary, Ind. (steel) and Great Falls, S.C. (textiles). Competition with the suburbs, both for industries and people, remains severe, even if some metropolises-New York City



itself, for example—have reversed their dramatic population hemorrhaging of the '60s and '70s.

Yet for all the problems that may remain, let the good news, for once, be told. Many American cities today are achieving levels of investment and wealth the envy of any city at any time in world history. They are home to corporate headquarters, the site of a vast constellation of prospering banking, investment, law and convention services.

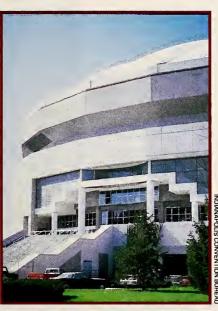
UNDREDS of urban waterfronts, for long decades abandoned to dingy warehouses, railroad tracks and parking lots, are springing back to life with new parks and festival market-places. Hundreds of thousands of young professionals have decided they prefer city life to dull suburban living. After decades of rejecting the city, millions of Americans seem to have acquired a new taste for the history and grand buildings; the scale and tone and texture of



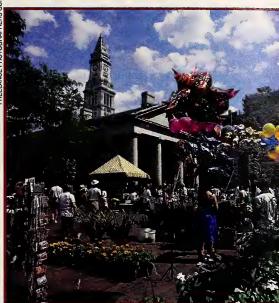
nd poverty are often next-door neighbors as San Francisco restores its inner city.



SPACE NEEDLE—Seattle successfully converted its inner city to improve living for its urban dwellers.



HOOSIER DOME—City officials are striving to build Indianapolis into the amateur sports capital of the world.



SHOPPERS' DELIGHT—Bostonians wander leisurely through Quincy Market where shopping is relaxing and festive.

cities; for the arts and good eating; and the ambience of places where many people meet—in other words, true urban places, the ones no suburban mall could ever emulate.

A new art of city-tending has arisen in America. In place of abandoned and misused buildings, towns from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Ore., have learned the skills of historic preservation. From the edge of the financial abyss revealed by New York City's near bankruptcy in the mid-'70s, our cities have reformed their fiscal practices, and have learned to deliver sound management and balanced budgets even while federal aid is withdrawn. Not a few have learned to be intensely entrepreneurial, marketing their downtowns, selling power and trash-burning services to their suburbs, and scouting for and landing new economic enterprises.

Public-private partnerships—government and private business and citizens cooperating in major public undertakings-are the secret to much of the progress of the last decade. After the urban renewal and land clearance and massive highway building of the '50s and '60s, after Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" programs, after the tax revolts of the late '70s, a time of stark realism dawned. It became clear no magic solutions would descend from above, that cities would have to subsist on their own resources, and that the cumulative resources in their businesses and universities and neighborhoods and citizen groups were probably much greater than they'd recognized before.

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REBUILDING THE NATION'S INNER CITIES



Cities redevelopment expert James W. Rouse explains how America can reclaim its inner cities and, in the process, build a cleaner, healthier and more enjoyable life for urban dwellers.

Shoppers jam the Portside Festival Marketplace, Toledo, Ohio.

American Legion Magazine: Many people feel that some of our big cities have become ugly blotches on the American landscape. Is there any hope of coming to grips with the spreading slums and general deterioration of older urban areas?

Mr. Rouse: Yes, there is great hope, though the task requires some radical action compared to what we have been willing to do in the past. I think there is a readiness for action today in the city that simply wasn't there 15 to 30 years ago. It used to be that when you talked about slums and the poor and worn-out downtowns, people would respond well during the talk, but then they went back to their balance sheets and ways of life and disappeared. There wasn't any commitment. There wasn't any state of mind that really believed it could be very different.

But then some cities began doing little things. And there became an awakening in America that "By gosh, our city doesn't have to be like it is. Other cities are doing things, why aren't we?" This created a whole new mood in the cities, and there is now not only a readiness to act but also a demand for action on the part of people, business and city government. So we now have an emotional, political climate in which things can happen.

• What caused the change?

Well, 10 to 15 years ago there was a feeling that the city had to be the way it was, and nothing was going to change it. Yet conditions in the city did change—they became worse! Now, there is a fury about drugs and crime and an increasing understanding that they have their roots in bad housing,

unemployment, poor education, etc. Some 50 percent of young black Americans looking for a job can't find one. Now that's a real malfunction of society. And people are beginning to understand that it can be corrected.

• What does work?

New ideas have to be generated, new processes have to be created and new structures have to be built. And these new ways are popping up around the country, coming right out of the neighborhoods, right from people themselves. The big job in America today is to harness these initiatives, not stifle them; not try to generate a massive federal program to lay down on them, but to find out how we can support this wide diversity of answers all over the country. There is a big herd instinct among us. If we see somebody doing something successfully, we're ready to follow . . and try to do even better. We need to build a lot of these models, a lot of these new ways of demonstrating things.

What role do you see for the federal government?

Washington help is indispensable. The federal government has to come in with money, not programs; and it has to come in with money such as revenue sharing, which stimulates this diversity of action and solutions without saying you have got to do it my way. Earlier, the federal government had too heavy a hand in laying down massive programs for cities and, as that happened, it bred dependence and reduced creativity and initiative—and that leads nowhere.

Federal housing programs, for instance, have been very heavy-handed. Yet they weren't evil or wicked. We had to

AARTY KATZ

find a sound way, and the housing and redevelopment programs and credit subsidies played an important role in getting us started.

Now we've been at them long enough to discover serious weaknesses, but rather than throw up our hands at how we got this way, we need to look at the city as being on a trendline of growth and keep learning today from what we tried yesterday, and move forward.

Actually, we haven't been at this many years. The first zoning law in the United States was passed in 1918. Most cities had no planning agencies at all until the end of the '40s. Not one single county in the metropolitan area of Boston had any zoning or planning until sometime between '45 and '55. The first law giving government the right to condemn and redevelop land for public purpose was passed in 1949. The credit subsidy program came along in the '50s and '60s. Each of these things has been an attempt to develop new tools for dealing with the wretched problems of the city.

And now we are at a threshold where it ought to be possible to make a massive change.

Q. What role does the festival marketplace that you developed for Baltimore, Norfolk, Boston and Toledo play in this process?

An important role, because the city was losing its heart.

After World War II we developed a new form of trans-





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portation in America—the automobile. Of course, it wasn't invented then, but that's when its massive thrust on the American scene came. This meant pouring into the heart of cities a flood of automobiles along streets that couldn't hold them to arrive in the middle of town with nowhere to park. As a society, we didn't know how to deal with this. People couldn't get to their offices, stores, the movies or theaters.

And then a perfectly natural thing happened. Somebody went out into the countryside and built a shopping center, office building or an industrial park. Thus came the explosion of what we've come to call suburban sprawl—of disorderly, unplanned development of all kinds, and this bled the heart out of downtown.

So we wound up with a strange kind of a metropolis in which we didn't have communities but subdivisions. People went to church one place and shopped in another. There was no sense of community, neither in the suburb nor in the city.

. What got you started in turning this around?

Well, we believed for some time that we could do something unique to regenerate life in the old city. Then came this opportunity in Boston, and it seemed just right to us, so we went in to produce what we later came to call a festival marketplace.

It was strange, though, that nobody really believed in this project. The bankers didn't want to finance it and the merchants didn't want to locate in it. It was the most difficult project we ever undertook. Yet, when complete, 100,000 people came the first day to this little 75,000- square-foot market. Ten million people came the first year—more than went to Disneyland.

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James W. Rouse, chairman of the board and chief executive officer, Enterprise Development Company, has spent nearly 50 years working with the problems and development of American cities.

EDUCATING FOR Many U.S. children FREEDOM

Many U.S. children believe there's no moral difference between the Soviet Union and the United States. Someone's been neglecting their education.

By Gary L. Bauer



N Arlington, Va., school teacher asked the students in his three advanced-government classes what they saw as the most significant differences between the United States and the Soviet Union.

When it came to facts, he found that the students knew the Soviet record. They knew the truth about the Soviet Union. But he also found that they distrusted American institutions. And when he called for a show of hands, the substitute teacher found that only two out of 53 students felt that, despite our imperfections, the United States is a morally superior system to the Soviet Union. That is, 51 out of 53 of this affluent county's brightest high school seniors saw no moral difference between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Late in 1985, The Washington Post carried a story about 15 American teenagers and 15 Soviet teen-agers who met near Washington to discuss the threat of nuclear war. The Americans were members of a county school's talented



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PLEDGING ALLEGIANCE—Patriotic classroom scenes such as this may become scarce if American children are not taught the basic freedoms and moral values on which the nation was founded. Children must know and believe in the goodness of America.

and gifted school program. The Russians attended an embassy school, and were the children of Soviet diplomats. Here are some excerpts from what occurred:

"What do you think of America?" asked one American student. "America is a good country," replied Dmitry Domakhin, 12, whose father is a diplomat... "It's such a pity that it's a capitalist country." Dmitry grinned as the audience of parents and students laughed. Later, he posed his own question to the American students. "In the Soviet Union, when we have lunch at school, the lunch is free," he said. "I just want to know, how much do you have to pay?" Ninety to 95 cents per meal was the answer. Dmitry smiled again.

Alexei Palladin, 14, whose father is a correspondent for a Soviet newspaper, pointed out that the Soviet Union and the United States have been friends before

"What do you know about the Second World War?" Alexei asked the Americans. No answer. He nodded as if that was what he expected. "Nobody even knows," he said, "that we were allies. We were fighting Nazism together..."

Alexei sat down to hearty applause . . . Afterward, the children were invited to contribute to the "Peace Ribbon," a seven-mile long strip of peace slogans that encircled the Pentagon in August to mark the 40th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

F YOU are like me, you no doubt find these stories depressing and alarming. I would have given a great deal if just one of those American children would have been bold enough or knowledgeable enough to bring up the Nazi-Soviet pact that helped usher in World War II, or the gulag where uncounted men and women of conscience have suffered, or the genocide taking place in Afghanistan, or free speech, or Andrei Sakharov, or anything else on the long litany of shame that is modern-day totalitarianism.

Now, there is a temptation in our anger to blame these children, but I suggest we would be wrong to do so. For these are, after all, our children. If we have not prepared them for the world

they must live in, then it is our fault. If they are not aware of the special freedom they enjoy, then perhaps we haven't been aggressive enough in telling them about it. And if they seem to be children who have forgotten the past, then perhaps it is because no one has ever taught it to them. No, it will not do to blame these children.

So why is there confusion among some of them about the nature of the societies with which we share the globe? Unfortunately, a case can be made that part of the problem resides in our textbooks-textbooks that are quick to be hyper-critical of American institutions while glossing over the core imperfections inherent in totalitarianism. Let me give one example:

In a world history book widely used in America's high schools, a section on Soviet women says: "Equality for women in the USSR is a reality . . . they receive equal pay for equal work. Men and women are treated equally under Soviet law. They may marry or vote when they are 18."

HESE statements would be laughable if the misinformation they spread were not so dangerous. Soviet women have the right to vote in the same context as Soviet men-in the context of a society that gives them only handpicked candidates of the Communist Party and no one else.

This shouldn't be a hard concept for a textbook writer to understand or to explain. Equal pay for equal work—yes, I suppose one could say that is true but only in the context of an economic system completely controlled by a central government with little chance for real initiative or economic independence.

To fail to tell our children these facts is to seriously mislead them about the nature of the Soviet system. Coincidentally, this textbook also seems to suffer from amnesia. No mention can be found in it of the great man-made famine in the Soviet Union in 1932-33, in which the Soviet government used food as a weapon to kill more than 7 million men, women and children in the Ukraine. Nor is there any mention of the millions who died in China in the name of communism, in the name of building a new man; nor the genocide that took place in Cambodia following the communist takeover of that nation in 1975.

A Washington journalist contacted one of the writers of this textbook to ask why, in 854 pages, these significant events were omitted. The writer responded that he was "afraid of raising the temperature of indignation, because it leads to bad ends in our contemporary world. And so I am generally inclined to tone down what brutalities there are." He added he worried that the children might build up a "hostility" toward communism "without understanding why

these things happened."

Let us instead tell our children the truth. For if we fail to tell our children the truth, they may some day pay the price, by miscalculating the intentions of those whose announced goal is to destroy liberty.

The views of prominent historians and social scientists who refuse to see a difference between the United States and the Soviet Union, who refer to both nations commonly with the neutral term, "superpower," obviously influence the teaching of social studies and American history in our schools.

One can clearly see this in a booklet published by the National Council for the Social Studies on the subject of teaching about human rights in the schools. In the introduction of the booklet aimed at teachers, the editors contend there are several ways to teach about human rights-including the comparative approach. And then to make their point, the authors say the follow-

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A HISTORY TEST



CAN YOU NAME THIS MAN, AND WHEN THESE EVENTS OCCURRED?





SHOCKING RESULTS—A recent survey of 17-year-old high school students showed that one-third of them didn't know the Declaration of Independence was signed between 1750 and 1800. Two-thirds of the students could not place the Civil War in the correct half-century and half of them did not recognize Winston Churchill's name.

SOVIET SALES TO 55 NATIONS REP-RESENT 40 PER-CENT OF THE WORLD ARMS TRADE. AND THEY DON'T DO IT JUST FOR MONEY.

By Ellsworth Raymond

HE Soviet Union has become the world's biggest merchant of munitions. Since the late 1970s, the USSR has sold more arms per year than the combined retail sales of the U.S. government and American private industry. Today, Russia conducts almost two-fifths of the global arms trade by supplying weapons to no fewer than 55 communist and non-communist nations.

So big is this Soviet militaristic business, that almost half of the USSR annual output of tanks, jet fighter planes and fighter-bombers is exported to foreign countries willing to pay the price. Half of the supersonic fighters, anti-aircraft missiles and missile attack boats bought by the Third World are made in the USSR. Other major Soviet exports include armored personnel carriers, missile artillery, helicopter gunships and diesel submarines.

Because Moscow doesn't trust its arms customers, neither communist nor noncommunist nations may buy Soviet strategic bombers, long-range rockets or nuclear weapons. As a goodwill gesture in the late 1950s, Khrushchev's USSR taught communist China the complex techniques of making atom bombs. Then the Sino-Soviet dispute started. By the mid-1960s, China was producing atom bombs and aiming them toward the USSR. After this bitter lesson, the Soviet superpower shares no superweapons.

What's the reason for huge Soviet arms sales?

"Violently we will destroy the foun-

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USSR: ARMS MERCHANT TO THE WORLD

dations of the whole world, and then we will build our new world."

This battle cry from the first USSR anthem mirrors much of present Soviet foreign policy. By selling endless shiploads of armaments to Third World dictators, Russia is inflaming more than a dozen local or civil wars, bringing death and destruction to weak, developing nations. Damaging strategic areas of Asia, Africa and Latin America, these conflicts create chaos that may even-

tually provoke communist revolutions.

Even without war, armies equipped with Soviet weapons are often the main support for dictatorships in developing countries. If a Third World government turns anti-Soviet, such as Indonesia in 1965 or Egypt in 1975, it can no longer buy Russian ammunition or spare parts for its aging Soviet armaments. So weakened were the Indonesian and Egyptian armies, that their governments had trouble surviving.



POWER BROKERS—The Sandinistas are well-equipped with Soviet arms to protect Nicaragua's Marxist regime.

immediate cash payment or allows only short-term credit. No weak Third World currencies are accepted. Payment must be made in U.S. dollars, British pounds or other monies usable anywhere in the world. Since Soviet arms sales are big, cash returns are huge. In recent years about 12 percent to 17 percent of all USSR exports have been armaments, earning many billions of bank notes.

Because the ruble is an internal currency good only within the USSR, Russia can buy Western wares only with Western cash. So the armament earnings are spent for capitalist high-technology to modernize Soviet industry, including plants producing strategic weapons. As the world's biggest importer of cereals, Russia also trades guns for grain.

Not all of the Kremlin's non-aligned friends are willing or able to buy Soviet armament. Russia renders economic aid to 80 non-communist countries, but only 40 of them receive USSR munitions. Of these customers, 26 are located in Africa, including Algeria in the north and Angola in the south. Seven buyers are in the Near East, four in South Asia, one in Europe (Finland), and two in Latin America (Nicaragua and Peru). Among the arms clients, Syria, Iraq and Libya are the big three, each getting more

weapons in recent years than any of the

Soviet satellites.

AREFULLY, the Kremlin avoids East-West atomic war, which could destroy civilization and the Soviet regime. But little wars in the Third World are deemed to be acceptable, with Moscow happily arming whichever side seems pro-Soviet or anti-Western. That does not include Afghanistan, where 125,000 Russian troops have driven 4.5 million Afghan patriots into exile and slain more than a million others. Soviet arms now inflame at least 13 small, but important wars.

Uncomfortably close to the United States are two Soviet-supported conflicts: the civil wars in El Salvador and Nicaragua. During its six-year reign, Nicaragua's Sandinista government has received about \$300 million worth of Soviet arms from Cuba, Russia and other communist countries. This large arsenal for a small country is used to kill Contras rebelling against Nicaragua's Marxist regime. Managua also gives Soviet guns to the anti-government guerrillas terrorizing half the territory of El Salvador. Sandinistas admit to this arms recycling, while Moscow cynically

denies having any control over the eventual use of Soviet weapons sent to Latin American countries.

Across the Pacific Ocean in the southern Philippines, a Moslem minority of 2.5 million people is fighting guerrilla warfare against the Christian national government to achieve home rule. Meanwhile, a second set of rebels, the communist New People's Army, has become strong enough to skirmish in all Philippine provinces. Soviet arms are supplied to the Moslems and communists by South Yemen, a Near Eastern ally of the USSR, thus weakening the Philippine government allied to the United States.

Communist Vietnam has been fighting anti-communist rebels in Kampuchea (formerly Cambodia) and Laos for six years. Soviet arms are supplied directly to the Vietnamese army, which stations 40,000 troops in Laos and 160,000 in Kampuchea. These military campaigns are costly. Soviet combined economic and armament aid to Vietnam totals some \$5 million per day.

Then there's the civil war in Marxist Mozambique of southeast Africa. Here the USSR arms the 14,000-man socialist army feebly battling 9,000 guerrillas of the Mozambique National Resistance.

In southwest Africa, a 10-year civil war embroils Angola, where the Marxist government cannot conquer rightist rebels who control one-third of the country. Only 35,000 Cuban soldiers and \$2 billion worth of Soviet arms save the Angolan Marxists from defeat.

In Namibia, a U.N. mandate ruled by Continued on page 48

TERROR FOR SALE—The Soviet-built Mi-24 Hind gunship, a first-class war machine, is available for export.



Profit is another Soviet motive for conventional arms sales. Less than a third of USSR armament shipments go to other communist countries. Trade among Red regimes is conducted by barter, so all the USSR can receive in exchange for its fine weapons is raw materials or goods of the usual crude communist quality. Very poor Marxist nations, such as Cuba and Vietnam, are given arms on long-term credit, often never repaid.

Another motivator is Kremlin greed, which is so great that most tanks and combat planes of its East European allies are old Soviet models that are rapidly becoming obsolete. New-model fighters and armored vehicles are sold in quantity to the Third World, while Warsaw Pact armies are allotted only a few of the latest offensive weapons. Apparently Moscow doesn't expect immediate war in Europe, or assumes that its satellite armies would be unreliable should such warfare erupt.

During the 30 years of Soviet technical assistance to needy non-communist nations, three-fourths of this aid has been armament. Today the Third World buys half of its munitions from the USSR partly because Soviet weapons are less expensive than the West's.

When a non-communist country buys Soviet arms, the Kremlin demands

FRANCHISING IS FLOURISHING

By Phyllis Zauner

ERHAPS every would-be entrepreneur passing a busy intersection has wondered what it would take to put a McDonald's on that corner.

The fact is, a top-of-theline fast food franchise is not cheap. For most people, a \$300,000 investment would

be out of the question. But that need not cool anyone's enthusiasm. A flood of new franchise opportunities has swept across America in the past half-dozen years-everything from photo printing to gift wrapping, pet care to car tuneups—offering something to suit every talent and most pocketbooks.

Franchising is booming. Suddenly it has become one of the most attractive routes to business ownership, less risky than setting up shop on your own. By the hundreds of thousands, Americans are going for it. Said Andrew Kostecka, who gathers franchising statistics for the U.S. Commerce Department, "I talk to many people who make \$20,000 a year in a job. In a franchise that person can make \$45,000 and have pride of ownership. You don't have to become a millionaire to be successful and happy."

When you buy a franchise you enter into a licensing agreement that allows you to pursue a proven successful business format within a certain geographical area. You pay an initial franchise fee, buy inventory and supplies (often at an advantageous price based on quantity parent-company purchase), then pay a continuing royalty, usually 5 percent to 9 percent of gross sales.

In exchange, the parent company offers an established name and trade-

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The franchising boom is turning dreams into dollars for would-be entrepreneurs who want to go into business with an excellent chance for success. But, there are losers, too.

mark to draw customers, training, startup assistance, site selection, advertising know-how, and guidance.

Thus, the franchisee has the advantage of going it alone without being alone.

It has been a strikingly successful format. The Commerce Department reported that less than 5 percent of franchisee-owned businesses close. By contrast, the Small Business Administration estimated that 65 percent of general business start-ups won't make it through the first five years.

Among the legions of winners is Mike Rouse of Austin, Texas. Six years ago he was an Albuquerque police officer whose off-hours were largely spent talking with fellow officers about the enticements of entrepreneurship.

His life changed dramatically when he read that tune-up franchises were among the fastest-growing business opportunities in the United States.

"The very next week," he said, "my wife and I were on a plane bound for Beaumont, Texas, to talk to Precision Tune." Before that day was over, he had handed over a check for \$12,500 for the franchise fee. "I didn't have that kind of money, but I told them to hold it, we were going home to sell our house."

He found a promising location in Brownsville, Texas, a town he knew and liked. "I didn't know anything about tuning cars, in fact I didn't even know which cars had the engine in front or back. But I was determined not to fail."

He did not fail. Within three years he had sold his shop to an assistant and moved to a larger shop in Austin. Last year his income was seven times what he earned as a police officer.

It cost Rouse \$80,000 to go into busi-

ness. Within a year and a half he had recouped his investment. Still, he said, "It takes a lot of guts to leave a secure job and go into a business where you have no experience."

Much of the franchise boom is being fueled by non-traditional franchisors. New, smaller franchise opportunities are

popping up all the time.

Five years ago, Larry Matthews, whose sport is running, bought a Fleet Feet franchise in Chico, Calif., total investment \$40,000 (franchise fee, \$10,000), although he said it would probably cost \$70,000 today. While net profit depends on how much debt you



have, he said, \$25,000 to \$50,000 would

be average.

But for Matthews, it isn't just the money. "In a small town like Chico, I'm a big fish. People look up to me because I own a business. Other runners consider me an expert and come to my store to buy their gear."

Among the hottest franchise opportunities today, said market researchers, are those in the service business—day-care, house cleaning, maid service

and lawn care.

One service franchise that has felt the glow of success is Tender Sender, a gift-wrapping, packing and shipping business started by Mike and Laura Hanna out of their garage in 1982. Today they have 64 franchised outlets, mostly in

shopping malls.

The Hannas acknowledge that a Tender Sender franchise is no get-rich-quick scheme. "Most shops can expect to gross \$70,000 the first year. It's a business that appeals to homemakers and people desiring a second income. The key to making big money is in owning more than one store." Start-up costs run \$45,000, including working capital, inventory, and a \$15,000 franchise fee.

Lack of capital is not necessarily a deterrent in buying a franchise. Some companies offer financing or negotiable terms, or will help to arrange bank loans.

Six years ago Judy Smith bought a Servpro franchise in New Jersey for \$29,000, which included all equipment needed to start a carpet-cleaning service. "I certainly didn't have any \$29,000 on hand to invest," she said, "but the company had several different pack-

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

B EFORE you invest in a franchise, the International Franchise Association suggests asking such questions as:

- Is the product or service obsolete?
- Is the franchisor financially strong and reputable?
- What's the duration of your contract? May you terminate it early?
 May you renew it?
- Do you have the right to sell?
- Some contracts give the franchisor a right to buy back the franchise. What are the buy-back arrangements?
- Do you have exclusive rights to a territory and for how long?
- How are disputes to be settled?
- Study the disclosure document carefully. It should include names of franchisees. Contact them.

Be wary of celebrity franchises, said consultant Donald Boroian. Many celebrities let people use their names for a fee

Shop around. Deals vary. Choose a business compatible with your personality.

Before you sign anything, seek professional advice, preferably from experts in the field of franchising. Get all promises in writing; your money may depend on it. Sign nothing before it's been reviewed by your lawyer.

The International Franchise Association membership directory lists over 450 businesses. To get it, write IFA at 1025 Connecticut Ave., Suite 707, Washington DC 20036. Another source of information is franchisors' advertising in business publications.

ages, and they helped me get started."

Servpro is more active than most in its role as franchisor. Smith said franchisees can move up a rank in the hierarchy. (She is now a trainer, for which she receives extra money and bonuses.)

But not every franchise is a winner. Even with a parent company holding your hand, going into business is a risk, and it's important to face up to that because the stakes are high, especially for those who have hocked everything.

A franchise is not for everyone who wants a business. Some franchisees chafe under the burden of costs not imposed on an independent—from royalties to financing a building designed by the

franchisor—and would rather do it their way.

Fortunately, franchising has largely outgrown its shady image of the 1960s when companies could tack up "Franchises Available" posters and start selling. Stringent federal laws have controlled fraud, said Kostecka. "But that doesn't mean you can relax completely. Just because someone isn't trying to cheat you doesn't mean he's a good manager. Investigate before investing. Particularly, talk to as many other franchisees as possible."

Under current disclosure laws, a franchising company must provide prospective buyers with an Offering Circular that spells out all details. But the company is not required to estimate potential profit, and if it does it must give proof with intricate statistics. As a result, most companies don't. The best way to get this information is from franchisees.

Franchising offers no guarantees, of course, but Avery Leavitt, who spent 20 years as a medical supply salesman and now owns a CopyMat franchise, is ecstatic about his decision to invest \$100,000 in a business that he said is "first-class all the way." His goal is to realize profits "in six figures," adding three more CopyMats and using one to finance the others.

"I'm in control of my destiny," he said.
"As a salesman I was always bringing in profits for others. Now I can do it for myself."

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WHERE PRESIDENTS LIVE AGAIN

Among the nation's most precious gifts to its people are the presidential libraries, which preserve the documents and memorabilia of many U.S. chiefs of state.



HOOVER LIBRARY-Built on a 187-acre site, it is



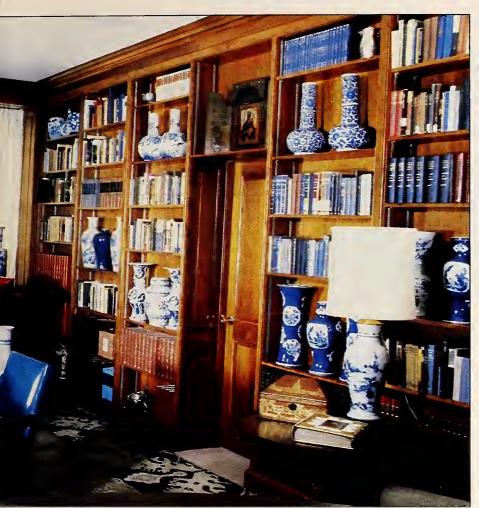
JFK LIBRARY—In addition to Kennedy's desk and rocking chair, the library includes recorded recollections from his mother and a brief film on his brother, Robert.

By Lester David

HESE days history is being plucked from between book covers and recreated in centers across the country. An exciting new concept is helping millions to learn recent history by actually immersing themselves into the lives and times of the most important of America's leaders, its Presidents. The centers are among the most popular tourist attractions in their areas.

• In Abilene, Kan., in the heart of wheat-field country, is the simple, white frame house where Dwight D. Eisenhower lived with his parents and five brothers. "Ike" grew from a barefooted youngster to a four-star general in command of European forces in World War II, then became President of the United

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near the cottage where Hoover was born. Nearby is his father's blacksmith shop.

States. The Eisenhower Center is part of a complex that includes a museum, a library for scholars and the graves of Ike and Mamie and their first-born son, David Dwight Eisenhower.

• On the East Coast, family memorabilia, manuscripts and documents belonging to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the nation's only four-term President, are housed on 16 acres of the Roosevelt family's Hyde Park estate in the Hudson River Valley.

• Overlooking Dorchester Harbor in Boston, Mass., the exhibits at the John F. Kennedy Library trace the Irish ancestry of our youngest President, and depict his formative years, his congressional career and the events of his administration. His schedule for Sept. 25, 1962, is shown in slides; a videotape gives excerpts of his press conferences.

The three presidential libraries, each distinctive in design and uniqueness of setting, are among seven administered by the National Archives and Records Service of the General Services Administration. Privately built, they have since been turned over to the federal government. The libraries welcome thousands

of visitors throughout the year.

Each of the libraries has a museum which contains family portraits, books and possessions that provide intimate glimpses into the personal lives of the Presidents, as well as scholarly archives, whose holdings include presidential papers, films, recordings and correspondence for the use of historians.

The other presidential libraries are the Herbert Hoover Library at West Branch, Iowa; the Harry S Truman Library at Independence, Mo; the Lyndon B. Johnson Library, Austin, Texas; and the Gerald R. Ford Library at Ann Arbor and the Museum at Grand Rapids, both in Michigan.

The Jimmy Carter Library at Atlanta, Ga., and the Richard M. Nixon Library at San Clemente, Calif., are still in the planning stages.

In spirit, these unique buildings and museums belong to the people of the United States, who gain from them an understanding and appreciation of our country's history. What better way to spend a vacation than immersing yourself into the lives and times of the most important leaders in America.



TRUMAN LIBRARY—Featured is a reproduction of his White House office.



LBJ LIBRARY—The eight-story building is at the University of Texas at Austin.



FDR LIBRARY—Among the memorabilia is Einstein's letter on the atom bomb.



FORD LIBRARY—The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor is its home.

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THE CONTROVERSY

C3I, the nerve center of our defense system, is highly vulnerable to a Soviet first strike. So, what good are our weapons, if we can't fire them?

By Steve Salerno



HILE today's headlines go to dramatic new weapons like the B-1B Bomber, the behind-the-scenes story is being written by a relatively unpublicized aspect of the defense program called C3I (pro-

nounced "see-cubed-eye"). An acronym for command-control-communications-intelligence—"command and control" in military parlance—C3I has many dimensions. In an everyday sense, it is the vast communications network that links everybody who needs to be linked to maintain strategic readiness and high-level decision-making. It is the nervous system behind the American nuclear fist.

Formal C3I appropriations account for about 15 percent of the overall defense budget; however, because all major weapons programs contain a variety of command and control elements, the total C3I outlay appreciably exceeds the near-\$40 billion logged under that heading in this year's budget.

More to the point, C3I has generated a controversy as large as its budget. Depending on who you listen to, C3I bears the credit or the blame for the status of America's strategic readiness.

The stated objectives of command and control are clear enough. C3I supports

Steve Salerno is a California-based freelance author who writes on American defense issues. the function of early warning systems and seeks to preserve the chain of command in the wake of Soviet attack. With its sophisticated computers and eye-inthe-sky network, the system also acts as a "force multiplier," theoretically boosting the odds that the Pentagon's complex attack scenarios against Soviet targets will succeed.

Less clear is the degree to which C3I can fulfill its mission. The concentration of America's command and control capabilities in a handful of accessible, well-known locations renders them highly vulnerable. Much of our hope for the earliest detection of inbound Soviet missiles apparently rests on a single satellite receiving station in Sunnyvale, Calif. Like other command installations, including the microwave towers feeding NORAD's main facility at Cheyenne Mountain, Colo., the Sunnyvale "downlink" is above ground and virtually unfortified.

The current administration has labeled the upgrading of America's C3I survivability a top priority, but it is doubtful that any amount of "hardening" would enable the centers to survive a direct hit. As former Secretary of Defense Harold Brown put it, "When you're in the crater (of a nuclear explosion), you're in the crater."

For these and other reasons, current Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has spoken of a growing C3I gap between the United States and the Soviet Union. As many as 2,000 warheads—almost half the weaponry distributed among our entire fleet of nuclear subs—might be required just to disable the Soviet Union's advanced C3I network. Our system, which basically relies on the same long distance telephone lines millions of us use to call Mom on Sunday, could conceivably be taken out by fewer than two dozen warheads.

The Pentagon tries to address this weakness through the concept of "redundancy"—contingency plans that take over when the primary system fails. But there is some doubt about whether these contingency systems are themselves survivable.

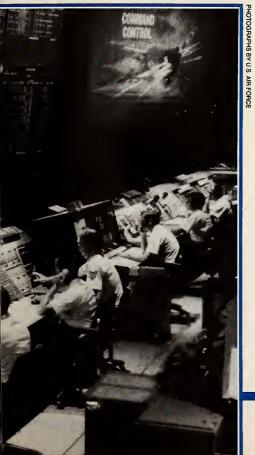
One recent proposal would equip special trucks to act as back-ups to under-



OVER C3I

ground stations that have been destroyed. Such a strategy overlooks the question of how surface vehicles would manage to survive the kind of massive blitz that had demolished underground fortresses. Similar shortsightedness afflicts the Emergency Rocket System, which will carry America's strategic plans skyward in the event that other command stations have been knocked out. The rockets are located in a neat ring around an existing Minuteman site at Missouri's Whiteman AFB—surely one of the first targets in any Soviet sneak attack.

OMMAND centers that do manage to ride out the attack may well be cut off from each other. The transmitters needed to relay orders are not expected to survive the first volley. Those that do will face the phenomenon known as EMP—(electromagnetic pulse)—the high voltage shock waves produced by nuclear blasts. Worse, EMP waves may be carried by phone lines right into surviving centers, and wreck delicate computer equipment.



THE DEW LINE—This Distant Early Warning site in Canada is above ground and unfortified, much like most U.S. communications and early warning installations.

Most of these problems exist, according to critics, because the system can't function fast enough, that is, before the first missiles from a Soviet pre-emptive strike reach their targets. If the attack comes from the Soviet subs that patrol the coastal waters, there may be as little as five minutes for the data to be received and evaluated, transmitted to Washington and acted upon.

Indeed, to many knowledgeable observers, the most troubling prospect of a Soviet first strike is not that all of our ICBMs might be destroyed, but that the systems supporting our retaliatory efforts would be taken out, leaving our missiles sitting harmlessly in their silos.

America's chief strategic safety valve is its fleet of Poseidon and Trident submarines, which are permitted to launch their arsenals without direct orders from the Joint Chiefs. Such a launch would probably begin with the failure to receive a regularly broadcast signal that tells the submarine commander everything above ground is OK. Once the launch is under way, new technology, such as the Navy's NAVSTAR satellites, will help the missiles find their targets with accuracy approaching that of land-based ICBMs. The Navy portrays this as a fail-safe deterrent; the Soviets know they cannot attack American continental forces without risking a 5,000-warhead salvo from submarine commanders who've failed to receive the signal.

Ideally, however, Washington would prefer not leaving launch decisions to

STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND—Despite its sophisticated equipment, the SAC command post still relies on vulnerable telephone lines for communication.

those outside the normal command chain. Thus, the emphasis these days is on enhancing direct presidential control. New systems depend less on the earthbound channels, the weakest link in the current command chain. The Pentagon's MILSTAR satellites will be in orbit beyond reach of known anti-satellite technology. The transmitters forming GWEN (Ground Wave Emergency Network) will have built-in "intelligence" to speed up the assessment of vital data.

But technology is not a panacea.

"Star Wars" planning is bound to focus increased Soviet attention on our new satellites; inevitably, Kremlin strategists may challenge the most inventive American safeguards.

Then, too, the growing sophistication of the equipment spawns its own problems. The expertise of field-level personnel hasn't kept pace with the technology, and the technology itself is not infallible. Computers have "seen" Soviet attacks in large natural gas explosions as well as the rising of the moon. Fortunately, these blunders occurred in peace time, when cool heads insisted that other means be taken to verify the alert. What would have happened had there been political tensions at the moment is anybody's guess.

The solution is not a simple matter of money. In the past, even the best-laid, best-funded plans have been undermined by squabbling among the ranks, duplication of effort and the military's notorious penchant for hardware. As a former undersecretary of state once said, "It does us little good to have a strategic deterrent if, after a first strike, we can't communicate with it."

THIS WAR CALLED

PEACE

When is peace really war? Right now, say three journalists who speak out against the Soviets' non-stop war to subvert the world.

O BACK over the four decades since the end of World War II and look again at the tumultuous events of this period: the communist takeover of China, the Berlin Blockade, Korea, the smashing of the Hungarian and Czech revolts, the Cuban missile showdown, Vietnam, the Arab-Israeli wars, genocide in Cambodia and Afghanistan.

Your conclusion?

It's been one helluva "peace!"

And now, finally, three level-headed newsmen come along and point out the obvious: There has been no peace at all. As far as the communists are concerned, there's been only a continuation of the non-stop war to subvert the Free World that began with the 1917 revolution in Russia and has been pushed since by every means short of direct Soviet military attack on the communists' No. 1 Enemy—the United States.

The chilling facts behind this campaign are recounted in "This War Called Peace" (Universe Books, New York) by Brian Crozier, Drew Middleton and Jeremy Murray-Brown-the first a British newsman; the second, the defense reporter for The New York Times; the third, an American broadcast journalist. Above all, they effectively torpedo any delusions that the leaders of the Soviet military have any objective other than eventual world control, or that they will shrink from using any means to attain this end.

We are thus treated to a dispassionate analysis of the long parade of dealings with the USSR since the 1945 Yalta Conference, showing how the West has been taken in time and again by communist deceit, duplicity and doubletalk-all allowing the communist empire to swell constantly in size and victims. But the reporters' real contribution is



WAR OF ATTRITION—Although Soviet tanks have yet to roll against the United States, the USSR is engaged in a non-stop war with America and the Free World.

to underscore how our own communication processes are being used by the communists in this war-how "language has become abused to serve the interests of power rather than of truth."

"At each stage," warned the authors, "Soviet deeds have directly contradicted Soviet words. Instead of peace, there has been the constant promotion of strife, leading to an actual war in Korea, to the bloody upheavals in the Middle East of the 1950s, to the longdrawn-out misery of the peoples of Indochina, to the invasion of Afghanistan, to near civil war in El Salvador and, no doubt, to other new adventures already in preparation."

HY do we not believe the facts? Ignorance and wishful thinking about the Soviet system are singled out as our worst problems. Westerners continue to hope for the best despite the evidence that the Soviet and Nazi regimes are "mirror images" of each other: That is, they engage in "the systematic use of illegal arrest, torture and killings; of terrorizing people through their families; of concentration camps; of enforcing the registration of certain classes of people and then liquidating them; of exterminating all opposition parties; of genocide; and, through internal passports, of forced labor which is nothing less than modern slavery."

No people have suffered more from communism than the Russian people, the authors stated. It is therefore vital for our survival, they wrote, that we listen to those among them who are now free to speak out, such as Solzhenitsyn, as to the true nature of communism and

what it intends for us.

Western addiction to television viewing, called "a godsend to political activists of all persuasions," is cited as another danger area. "To most viewers, it is only things which are seen which acquire credibility. The result is a world of grotesque disproportion. TV newsreels were unable to provide nightly pictures of Viet Cong atrocities in Vietnam because the communists appreciate that to Western minds conditioned by TV, if such pictures are not taken, then the events do not happen."

The same disproportion, the authors said, arises over questions of human rights and political freedoms. Who, for instance, has seen television coverage of the Soviets' notoriously brutal Gulag Archipelago slave labor camps? Yet TV is filled with pictures of communistinspired demonstrations on anti-U.S.

issues everywhere.

"The ultimate answer to the questions raised by the cold war," the three noted reporters concluded, "lies in whether the American people have the will to continue to fight the long duel with the Soviet Union" on such a sophisticated yet dangerous battleground.

This, in summary, is a revealing, remarkable book-one that should be required reading throughout Washington. Perhaps most remarkable of all is that it's the work of news reporters, too many of whom have too often been accused of being soft on the communist threat. These three reporters prove incisively, though, that there are many others who do, indeed, have their heads screwed on straight.

Reviewed by James N. Sites

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

HILE a controversial balanced-budget law has been modified to protect cost-of-living adjustments for veterans receiving VA compensation and pensions, the fate of the VA's medical-care system is less certain

as Congress charts a course to eliminate the national deficit.

The legislation, authored by Senators Phil Gramm of Texas, Warren Rudman of New Hampshire and Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, was signed by the President in mid-December. The original bill would have frozen COLAs for veterans receiving compensation and pensions, but strong opposition by The American Legion and others forced legislators to exempt veterans from the freezes. However, under the balanced-budget law, the VA health-care system still stands to suffer during the next five years.

VÅ officials have said that medical appropriations might be reduced to the point of seriously hampering the delivery of health care that has been earned by veterans. Under Gramm-Rudman-Hollings provisions of the law, medical expenditures will be reduced 1 percent in fiscal year 1986 (which began Oct. 1, 1985), and 2 percent each of the following four fiscal years. In terms of dollars, that means the VA stands to lose an estimated \$800 million over the next five years.

In addition to automatic reductions that might be imposed on the VA if spending targets are not met, Congress is considering means test and third-party reimbursement plans that would further weaken health-care services to many veterans. A means test would require that veterans seeking treatment for non-service-connected illnesses and injuries prove their inability

The VA budget represents just 2.5 percent of the nation's overall budget. Few federal agencies can offer a better return for the taxpayers' dollars.

to pay, in addition to making a copayment to the VA for treatment at VA facilities. Third-party reimbursement would force the health insurance companies of insured veterans to foot the bill for services provided to veterans in VA hospitals and outpatient clinics.

The Legion has taken a hardline stance against the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings amendment of the balanced-budget law, means test and third-party reimbursement, claiming they abrogate the nation's promise and obligation to care for veterans in need.

"We're responsible citizens and know that the national deficit must be reduced," said Nat'l Cmdr. Dale L. Renaud. "However, veterans should not be the vehicle Congress uses to save a few dollars. The VA medical care that a small number of the poorest, oldest and sickest veterans receive is for illnesses that no other agency in government wants to deal with, or is unable to treat. Denying veterans medical care would, in many cases, be tantamount to a death warrant."

Along with such a warrant, predict many critics, would go the future achievements of the VA—the largest public health agency in the free world. But to know what might be missed requires knowing what the VA is and

what its health-care system and other programs mean to all Americans.

R&D

The winds of war carried the nation's soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines to Belleau Wood, Bougainville, Chosin Reservoir and Khe Sanh. The winds of peace carried many of them home to navigate through life confined to wheelchairs. But since the outbreak of World War II, these veterans haven't been alone.

American battle casualties were returning stateside at the rate of 1,200 per day as the curtain lowered on World War II. The VA hospital system, less than a year old at the time, was unprepared for many of the traumatic injuries the nation's servicemen and women suffered. Mounting pressure by amputees and public opinion forced the government to take action. Army Gen. Omar Bradley was appointed by President Harry S Truman to take charge of the VA.

Bradley immediately set up the Prosthetic Appliance Service to help meet the needs of the war amputees. Little had been done in the prosthetics industry before the war and some manufacturers had allegedly schemed to arrange price-fixing scams to keep prices high. Bradley helped eliminate that through the new service.

Under the new prosthetics program, plastic and steel devices replaced awkward and cumbersome leather and wood artificial limbs. Cosmetic designs also were made to give the prostheses a more natural appearance. A sample of the VA's medical contributions to society includes:

SEATTLE FOOT—Considered a significant breakthough, the fiberglass-and-foam device copies movements of the human foot and lower leg. The limb, pioneered and constructed at the VA hospital in Seattle, Wash., not only

makes it easier for its users to walk, but also allows them to run.

HIGH-TECH—VA researchers have led the medical community in the development of robotics and use of computers. For example, although in the experimental stage, a robotic arm can respond to the voice commands of its user and can mimic arm movements. Researchers also have helped the blind pierce the world of darkness by using computers, which are used to teach the blind to read Braille. Furthermore, VA researchers in Cleveland have combined computers with electricity to stimulate human muscles into motion. That's good news for the half-million Americans confined to wheelchairs.

CARDIAC PACEMAKER—The first pacemaker was implanted into the chest of a human by VA doctors in Buffalo. Thanks to the procedure, now considered routine by physicians, thousands of people sporting the electrically controlled devices lead normal lives.

CAT SCAN—Through the use of computer axial tomography (CAT Scan), body tissues not visible through conventional x-ray technology may now be viewed and analyzed without invasive surgery. The groundwork for the CAT Scan was developed at the Los Angeles VA medical facility.

RADIOIMMUNOLOGY—Radioisotopes have been used to treat cancers and other diseases. Dr. Rosalyn S. Yalow, of the Bronx VAMC, was awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1977 for her work in using radioisotopes to isolate, identify and measure biological substances. It was a banner year for VA in the medical arena, as Dr. Andrew Schally also was awarded a Nobel Prize for his discoveries on how brain chemicals interact with body functions.

DISEASE CONTROL—Tuberculosis has been virtually eliminated as a major public health threat because of advancements made by VA doctors. TB posed a serious problem for the VA when nearly 10,000 WWII veterans returned stateside with the disease. Through a cooperative effort with VA and University of Michigan medical investigators, drugs such as streptomycin were created and TB was all but eliminated.

ORGAN TRANSPLANTS—Major developments by VA doctors in Denver paved the way for the first kidney transplant. The VA also laid the groundwork to reduce rejection of transplanted kidneys and livers.

GERIATRICS—While the nation faces a significant increase in the aging veterans population, the VA has focused on the problems associated with old age. Although the aging trend also affects

the nation's non-veteran population, the VA has been, and continues to be, a leader in the medical community in treating health problems of the elderly. Several VA medical facilities throughout the country are being used as research centers for geriatric research.

MEDICAL TRAINING

Since the inception of the Department of Medicine and Surgery, the VA's 172 hospitals, 236 outpatient clinics and 103 domicilaries have been the training grounds for thousands of the nation's doctors, nurses, students and specialists. A teaching agreement between the VA and more than 1,000 schools allows students to receive essential clinical experience.

"Woven into the tapestry of this health-care system is the Office of Academic Affairs," said W. F. Lenker, chairman of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. "Each year the Office of Academic Affairs is instrumental in providing about 100,000 medical students with hands-on training in VA facilities."

The relationship between the VA's health-care system and medical schools is an integral one, and is a boon for the agency, academia and the private health-care industry, Lenker said. "Whether spearheading new studies in medical research, training young residents in realistic medical applications, or extending its physical plant to accommodate new treatment methods, the VA medical-care system is second to none."

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

The signing of the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944"—the GI Bill—has been heralded as one of the nation's most revolutionary and crowning achievements, thanks to the concept developed by The American Legion. The legislation made it possible for 20 million veterans to attend college and receive vocational training they otherwise could not afford.

The benefit to society is that veterans have been allowed to better themselves educationally and thereby provide greater contributions to their communities, not to mention the payment of higher taxes due to increased salary levels. Educational and job-training programs available through the VA have helped control costs of other government agencies that veterans would have been forced to rely upon after leaving the military. Educational benefits also have aided spouses and children of veterans who died or are permanently disabled because of service-connected injuries or illnesses.



MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS—The VA has been on the cutting edge of most prosthetics and geriatric discoveries.

Another societal benefit is the VA home loan program, which has helped an estimated 12 million veterans, their families and other Americans to buy homes. While the Home Loan Guaranty provides veterans with a means to purchase or build homes on their own, it also has had a favorable effect on commercial mortgage loan rates and interest, reducing interest rates on conventional home loans and making it possible for more non-veterans to purchase homes. Many non-veterans also have assumed VA home loans at favorable interest rates.

The overriding result of the VA home loan program is a net profit for the nation. In all but a few of its 40 years, the program has made money for the government, and the default rate among VA homeowners is 4 percent—considerably below the national average.

But success cannot be measured in terms of dollars and cents alone.

"Considering the growth of bureaucracy in nearly every segment of our society, we have in the VA an agency that truly cares for the people it serves," said Renaud. "Where other agencies might have failed in meeting that responsibility, the VA has proven to be a system that works not only for veterans, but also for all society." Now this societal benefit is threatened.

OUTLOOK

The balanced-budget law establishes a goal of reducing the nation's debt by

\$36 billion each of the next five fiscal years. Budget limits will be established by Congress for each federal agency. If these limits are exceeded in a given fiscal year, the administration will be given the authority to withhold funds the following year in order to achieve the reductions.

The cuts would be made in discretionary programs, those Congress is not mandated by law to fund. VA healthcare is a discretionary program, and, therefore would be subject to reductions.

VA officials have said a 2 percent reduction in medical spending, as called for under the law, will result in a loss of about \$180 million in each of fiscal years '87, '88, '89 and '90. A reduction of that magnitude would mean that 85,000 fewer veterans would receive care in VA hospitals, and 380,000 fewer would be treated in outpatient clinics. In addition, other legislative threats loom on the horizon.

As the magazine went to press in late December, House and Senate conferees were considering passage of the means test and third-party reimbursement legislation—both part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Bill. Under the means test, veterans seeking treatment from VA facilities for non-service-connected illnesses would be required to prove their inability to pay. An earlier version of the bill set the income level at \$25,000 for veterans with dependents. But there's strong support to reduce the level to \$15,000.

The reconciliation bill also calls for a provision that would force health insurance companies to pay for treatment given to insured veterans in VA facilities.

The Legion, which was the only veterans organization to oppose the means test and third-party reimbursement, predicted both measures would mark the beginning of the end of adequate VA health care. And with softening of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings toward veterans, many observers have said legislators will call for more stringent cuts under the means test and third-party plans.

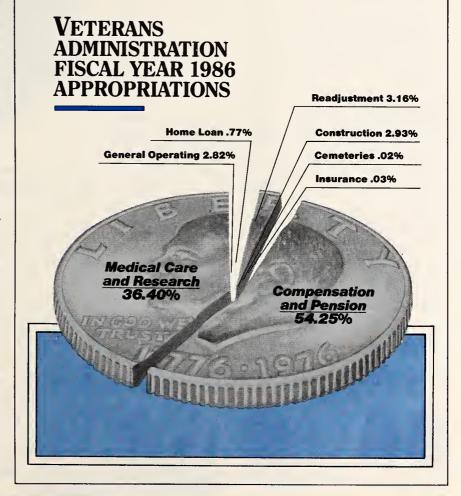
According to Renaud, the Senatesponsored balanced-budget amendment, and the means test and third-party plan boldly underline a continued trend in the erosion of veterans benefits.

"Never before have veterans in this country faced such a mammoth obstacle in obtaining what they have earned in sweat and blood—benefits they earned all too often in the prime of their youth, and with their lives in peril," Renaud said. "We say no more. No more cuts at the expense of vital VA programs and services."

DISBURSING THE VA BUDGET

HE VA budget of \$26.1 billion for fiscal year 1986 represents about 2.5 percent of the total national budget. The current VA budget breakdown includes:

- Compensation and Pensions—\$14.16 billion. Compensation is paid to veterans who sustained disabling injuries or illnesses while serving on active duty. Pensions are paid to wartime veterans who have little or no means to support themselves and their dependents. Pension applicants are individually screened by VA and are awarded amounts based upon their needs.
- Readjustment Benefits—\$826 million. Includes GI Bill education and vocational and technical training. Benefits are earned while serving on active duty.
- Medical Care and Operating Expenses—\$9.98 billion. Includes funding for Department of Medicine and Surgery and facilities, prosthetics research and staff salaries.
- Construction—\$766.2 million. Major projects include construction of a new hospital in Houston and a 240-bed nursing home in Philadelphia.
 - Guaranty Home Loan—\$200 million.
- Insurance/Indemnities—\$9.75 million. Life insurance claims paid to survivors of government-insured veterans.
- State Veterans Cemeteries—\$3 million. The bulk of this money will be spent developing a VA national cemetery in Florida and purchasing land for a similar cemetery near San Francisco.



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FINDING VITALITY BY AIDING VETERANS

HE Sons of The American Legion has entered a new era of vitality that the organization's national commander attributes to the reputation its members have earned for work on behalf of veterans.

"The SAL's involvement with the Legion's rehabilitation efforts and its role in working with the Legion and Auxiliary, especially in legislative battles, have been key elements in attracting new members," said Royce J. Doucet, SAL national commander.

Doucet, who was elected to lead the organization at the National Convention in New Orleans last August, said SAL reached an all-time high of 74,500 members in 1985, an increase of more than 4,000 members over 1984. He said the group is working toward the goal of 80,000 members by the end of 1986.

"Since 1963 The Sons of The American Legion has gathered strength and shown a surge of growth," said Legion National Commander Dale L. Renaud. "Its 1986 membership should surpass previous pinnacles and the growth potential for the future is limitless. If every eligible SAL member is recruited and added to the strength of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary, the power of our voices and actions in Washington, D.C., and the community will reverberate for generations."

Legionnaires at the National Convention in 1932 established SAL as a program of the Legion, like Boys State, to draw non-veteran, male heirs of Legionnaires into the Legion family circle to foster patriotism, and to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.

Membership grew rapidly to a high of 72,633 in 1939, but the arrival of World War II and the Korean War decimated the SAL ranks. Many of its members enlisted to serve the nation and never returned home. Others returned home and learned that they were eligible for Legion membership. By 1953 the SAL membership was down to 5,631 nation-

wide. The current upswing in members resulted in 116 new squadrons—local units sponsored by individual posts—that received charters in the past year.

Membership is extended to the sons, adopted sons and stepsons of Legionnaires without limitation on age-the youngest member of SAL was just born; the oldest is in his 70s. Each squadron designs activities to suit the age groups of its members. Personal growth of members is encouraged through the "Ten Ideals" with awards for achievements in patriotism, health, training, knowledge, honor, faith, helpfulness, courtesy, reverence and comradeship. A "Five-Star Award" for adults is given in recognition of activities and studies on patriotism, citizenship, discipline, leadership and Legionism.

In some squadrons, Doucet said, members are very active in helping to maintain the post homes and assisting with community projects that have been sponsored by Legionnaires for years.

"In the future, SAL will be a reservoir of helpers for Legion programs."

The SAL already is compiling an impressive track record of service. For example, the national organization in 1984-85 designated The Make-A-Wish Foundation as The National Commander's Project and raised \$35,489 to donate to the foundation which fulfills the favorite wishes of terminally ill children. Doucet also chose the foundation for his special project for this year.

SAL Nat'l Cmdr. Royce J. Doucet



At the convention in New Orleans last August, the Americanism Committee expressed the American Legion's appreciation to SAL units that are making contributions to the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation and singled out the Kentucky units for their \$1,895 donation to the project.

Typical of the SAL support for the Legion VA&R program was the 1984 donation of 20 color television sets from Maryland units to the five VA facilities in their state. During 1985, Maryland squadrons raised \$10,000 and divided the money among VA facilities on the basis of a "wish list" submitted by each facility. Some of the squadrons donated up to 125 volunteer hours a month at VA facilities.

In Michigan, members arranged for the donation of a specially equipped van for the Dearborn, Mich., VA hospital to use for handicapped patients. Indiana SAL members sponsor regular bingo parties and a Christmas party for the 375 veterans at the Indiana Veterans Home. Nationally, SAL members donated more than 10,000 hours of volunteer work and thousands of dollars to the rehabilitation program during 1985.

Doucet said the squadrons also are emphasizing flag drives to make sure American flags are on display in public school classrooms. Individual squadrons also are involved in field service, assisting home-bound veterans, working in local and state nursing homes that assist veterans, sponsoring Legion baseball teams, delegates to Boys and Girls State and scholarship programs.

The new national commander also is encouraging SAL members this year to attend Legion leadership and education programs to improve their capabilities so that they will be prepared for the challenges of the future within SAL and in their communities.

"I am also stressing the importance of the unity of the Legion family—the Legion, the Auxiliary, the Junior Auxiliary and SAL. We must work together for the best of all our organizations and our common goals. Together we will succeed!" said Doucet.

VIETNAMESE PLEDGE TO RESOLVE POW/MIA ISSUE

By Richard T. Childress

E WISH to resolve the MIA issue within two years." These words, passed to the United States by Indonesian President Soeharto, were spoken by Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach in early July.

For the first time, the Vietnamese gov-

ernment had set a timetable to resolve the fates of Americans still missing and unaccounted for as a result of the Vietnam conflict.

This pledge kicked off a series of positive steps long-awaited by POW/MIA families, the United States government, The American Legion and other veterans. Rapid follow-up by the U.S. government produced a two-year work plan focusing on bilateral efforts, a plan provided to Vietnam before policy meetings in late August. The U.S. delegation, which I led to Hanoi, included Ann Mills Griffiths, executive director, National League of Families; Lyall Breckon, State Department director for Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia; and Air Force Lt. Col. Paul Mather, liaison officer for the Joint Casualty Resolution

Seasoned as we all were in dealing directly with Indochinese leaders, the cooperative attitude demonstrated by Vietnamese Minister Vo Dong Giang was



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consistent with our expectations of real progress, but refreshingly free of rhetoric. The Vietnamese had developed their own two-year work plan, and while they welcomed U.S. input, they made clear their intention to proceed. From a practical standpoint, policy-level meetings were the most significant ever held on the POW/MIA issue. One of the most striking features of the meetings was the complete absence of linkage to



WAITING—In this sketch of an American POW in Southeast Asia, Navy Cmdr. J.M. McGrath, an ex-POW, expresses the alienation endured by POWs.

aid, trade or diplomatic recognition—a welcome stance.

To prove they were serious about their two-year pledge, Vietnam announced repatriation of 26 American remains and returned them in mid-August. This was the largest turnover of remains since the end of active U.S. involvement in the war. Thus far, identification has been positively established with 24 of the 26, bringing the total number of Americans repatriated in the past four years to 63.

The Vietnamese pledge to resolve this issue within two years is the first written agreement since the end of the war and is a result of intensive negotiations at both the policy and technical levels between the United States and Vietnam. It is our current judgment that Vietnam has made a policy decision that resolving this issue is in its national interest, and we have publicly welcomed it.

Two years appears to be a long time, but logistics alone, when you consider the hundreds of crash sites, makes the overall accounting a long-term process. At the same time, for some family members who have waited for more than 20 years, it gains perspective. Simultaneously, by welcoming the written plan and supporting its implementation, we have made it clear that we are not agreeing that should someone still be held against his will, we are prepared to wait two years.

In the August discussions, the Vietnamese indicated that they, too, have received live-sighting reports of Americans and have conducted independent investigations. They provided us with the results, indicating in each case that the report proved to be false, but they pledged to continue investigating any reports they receive. Such an exchange was impossible three years ago. The United States also will continue serious, independent investigations on this question to substantiate such information.



SPIRIT OF COOPERATION-Americans and Vietnamese search for remains at a U.S. aircraft crash site in Vietnam.

Having participated in each policylevel discussion with the Vietnamese since 1982, it is my personal judgment that the Vietnamese government is serious about resolving the POW/MIA issue, and we will see increasing cooperation in resolving the fates of our men still missing in Vietnam. The Vietnamese are now recovering and returning the remains of men who were known to have been captured; others who were announced to have died in captivity; men listed as killed in action/body not recovered; and those simply listed as missing in action. The Vietnamese also agreed to the first joint crash-site excavation in Vietnam, which was conducted recently.

In Laos, we have reached agreement for another joint crash-site excavation in that country during the next dry season. The Lao government also pledged independent search efforts during our August meetings in Vientiane. Both of these developments indicate an increasing pattern of cooperation that may lead to resolution of many of the almost 600 still unaccounted for in Laos.

None of these latest developments has been by accident. It took an administration that was personally committed to resolution of this issue; a coherent strategy to implement that administration's priority; bipartisan support in Congress; an endless list of government employees, many of whom are Vietnam veterans who diligently worked the issue; and support from concerned Americans, such as the members of The American Legion. And, of course, the National League of Families, whose steady quest for truth kept the torch lit during the lean years.

During the next two years, unity will

be essential for sustained progress. Together, we can be vigilant, rejecting simplistic solutions to a complex problem, purposeful in our quest for resolution of the issue and dedicated to the goal of the fullest possible accounting for our fellow veterans.

VIETNAM VETS MAY HELP, TOO

THE United States government is seeking any information Vietnam veterans may have on the burial sites of Viet Cong or North Vietnamese military personnel.

The information will be provided to Vietnam in hopes the Vietnamese government will better respond to the American people's demands for the fullest possible accounting of the fate of persons listed as POW or MIA.

Be as specific as possible. If known, include the number and type of personnel, date of burial, coordinates and name of nearest village or terrain feature, and describe how the graves were marked or reported.

Send any information you have to National League of Families, 1608 K St., N.W. Washington, DC 20006.

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DOD UNIT HELPS LEGION ON AGENT ORANGE RESEARCH

Gathering data on chemical spraying operations and identifying combat troops exposed to Agent Orange is the crucial mission of this 'Purple Suit' environmental support group.

ROM 1965 to 1970, extensive aerial spraying over about 10 percent of Vietnam shed 11.3 million gallons of Agent Orange in over 6,000 missions by the U.S. Air Force under the code name "Ranch Hand." Missions often were carried out in remote or enemy-controlled areas to

improve observation of enemy activity and to reduce the potential for ambush. Each mission, carefully approved by identical staffing procedures within the U.S. and Vietnamese chains of command, was flown under strict meteorological and operational conditions to minimize the drift of herbicides. Additionally, U.S. and Vietnamese commanders were advised to keep their troops out of the target areas at the time of spraying so that Vietcong ground fire might be returned by the fighter aircraft protecting the spraying missions. Nonetheless, spraying did occur over U.S. troop positions.

Since then, Vietnam veterans exposed to dioxin-based Agent Orange have described a variety of symptoms to VA physicians. These symptoms include: the skin condition chloracne, liver damage, high rates of cancer and birth defects in offspring, numbness in extremeties, sore joints, diminished sex drives and psychological changes.

Thousands of veterans began to file claims with the Veterans Administration. Much to the dismay and shock of the nation's veterans community, VA officials said there was no proven link between the maladies veterans were suffering and Agent Orange. The controversy continues.

The American Legion was one of the first veterans organizations to become involved in the Agent Orange issue. An officer with the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division currently sits on a congressional advisory panel that reviews Agent Orange developments. The Legion also monitors the VA's examination program for veterans exposed to the defoliant.

Another one of the early groups to become involved in the use of the herbicide was the Army Agent Orange Task Force, formed in 1980 by Caspar Weinberger, and recently renamed the U.S. Army and Joint Services Environmental Support Group. The group, which has helped the Legion in its own Agent Orange efforts, has been responsible for gathering massive amounts of information on spraying missions and identifying combat units deployed in areas where herbicides were used. This information, developed through extensive records research, is being used to support the Agent Orange study and related research that is being carried out by the Centers for Disease Control.

ESG director Richard S. Christian, a certified records manager and retired Army lieutenant colonel, and his group have compiled data on a large number of previously recorded and unpublished helicopter and ground spray missions. The exhaustive compilation by the Washington-based group led to what are known as the Services "HERBS Tape"—a complete record of all Air Force "Ranch Hand" missions over Vietnam from 1965 to 1970. The record includes gallons and types of herbicide used, dates and locations of sprays, and starting and ending points of sprays.

"The Services HERBS Tape was developed by our group and essentially contains the same information included in the HERBS Tape updated by the National Academy of Sciences," Christian said, adding that the major difference between the two is that his group provided information on the unpublished spray missions, aborts, leaks and incidents that ESG has found and documented from combat records during the past three years of research. "We believe this new data will help show additional cases of possible exposure opportunity criteria during the time troops were situated in base camps, fire bases and other installations."

Christian's group has tracked down 55 combat battalions and reviewed over 14,000 personnel records for the CDC Agent Orange study.

The information gathered by ESG has been not only for the benefit of the congressionally mandated studies, Christian said. "Veterans service organizations such as The American Legion frequently seek our help in obtaining information on Agent Orange and other areas of concern. ESG stays in touch with these groups because we made a commitment during early Agent Orange research that every veteran who wrote to us would get an answer to his question.

"ESG has been a tremendous help to our efforts to shed light on the Agent Orange issue," said John Sommer, VA&R deputy director. "Much of what we have done would not have been possible without this group's assistance."

Christian's group has dealt not only with the Agent Orange matter, but also with researching combat records for veterans' claims involving Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. ESG also has administrative responsibility for the Army nuclear task personnel review program, which has researched and recorded the names of many troops who were involved in nuclear weapons testing during the 1940s and 1950s, and those involved in the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki following the atomic bomb explosions. Additionally, ESG has established dose records for these persons.

"We only report what is found in the records as it pertains to inquiries we receive from veterans," Christian said. "We make no judgments, nor are we involved in the adjudication of claims. That's left up to the VA." □

FINANCE CHAIRMAN PASSES AWAY; SPENT FOUR DECADES IN LEGION

ALTON Dudley Griffin, 60, chairman of the National Finance Commission, died of a heart attack Dec. 12 in Clarksville, Tenn.

A veteran of World War II, he joined The American Legion in 1946 upon his discharge from the Army and embarked on a 39-year career of volunteer service to The American Legion and his country.

After serving Post 7 in Clarksville in almost every official capacity possible, Griffin held several offices in the Department of Tennessee, rising to department commander in 1955-56. He was a member of the National Executive Committee from 1960-62 and served as the National Commander's Representative to the Finance Commission in 1962-63. He was vice chairman of the commission for 11 years before his appointment to chairman in 1983. He served on the board of directors of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., for more than 20 years and



Walton Dudley Griffin

held the office of president of the board at the time of his death.

Griffin is survived by his wife Evelyn and sons Walton Dudley, Charles Christopher and Joseph Stanton.

Beirut Memorial Nears Completion

HOUSANDS of Legionnaires across the country have contributed to the construction of a memorial to the servicemen killed in the 1983 Beirut terrorist bombing.

According to the engineer for the city of Jacksonville, N.C., where the memorial is being built, \$98,000 has been raised, but \$80,000 more is needed to complete the memorial.

To date, 241 flowering trees, representing each man who died, have been planted on the site that was provided by the federal government. The state of North Carolina has budgeted \$20,000 for a parking lot.

Further information concerning the project may be obtained by writing: Beirut Memorial, P.O. Box 128, Jacksonville, N.C. 28540.

PNC AI Keller Heads Vets Home

T didn't take Al Keller Jr. long to get back into the business of serving veterans fulltime. Keller, national commander of The American Legion in 1982-83, has been appointed the first superintendent of the new Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno.

The nursing home, which is an \$18 million renovation of part of the former Manteno Mental Health Center, has 300 beds, some 250 employees and an annual budget of \$6 million.

Keller, who resigned his elected job



Al Keller Jr.

as Kankakee county clerk to accept the position, has a long record of service to The American Legion, including his contributions as Illinois Department Commander. As National Commander, he was appointed by President Reagan to be an official observer in the 1984 El Salvador elections.

Speaking of his new job, Keller, a gunner aboard B-24 bombers during World War II and a former POW, said, "It's my goal to give veterans topnotch care in that unit."

ST. LOUIS RECORDS CENTER SLOWS UP VETERANS' CLAIMS

ROBLEMS at the Military Records Center in St. Louis are so severe that they are causing inordinate delays in the processing of veterans' claims, The American Legion has told the Department of Defense.

In a letter to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, Nat'l Cmdr. Dale L. Renaud pointed out that American Legion service officers are experiencing delays of up to one year as they try to process veterans' claims for benefits. Renaud said many of the claimants are suffering from economic and physical hardship, which make timely processing of claims imperative.

Noting that Legion service officers who try to deal directly with the records center often are met with discourteous behavior, Renaud wrote that no federal employee "is justified in being discourteous to service organization repre-

sentatives who are performing their lawful function of assisting veterans."

He said the root of the problem seems to be the lack of people needed to process requests for information, and he urged the Department of the Army to act quickly to resolve the situation.

VA claims cannot be processed unless the agency is able to review the records. Without the cooperation of the records center, many veterans must wait unnecessarily for benefits to which they are entitled.

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From a historic homecoming in St. Louis to downtown parades throughout the nation, members of The American Legion celebrated Veterans Day 1985 with vigor and pride.

The Mercantile Bancorporation, Inc., and The American Legion dedicated a plaque at the site of the old Schubert Theater in downtown St. Louis. In that building 66 years ago, World War I veterans met and hammered out the framework for The American Legion.

"This special remembrance will serve as a continual reminder to the citizens of St. Louis and the nation that veterans of all generations not only served in time of war, but also came home and organized themselves to serve in time of peace," Nat'l Cmdr. Dale L. Renaud told those gathered for the ceremony.

The plaque commemorates the historic writing of the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion by the St. Louis Caucus in May 1919. The preamble has been cited as an outstanding example of clarity, brevity and American idealism.

Several activities were held in Washington State, according to Dept. Adjutant Terry Missler. "We had an excellent response to flag etiquette programs conducted in Seattle schools," he said, adding that about 3,000 students participated in the programs. Legionnaires also took part in the dedication of the Inland Empire Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Spokane.

Things did not fare as well at Salt Lake City. Legionnaires on Veterans Day awoke to about five inches of snow, cancelling a downtown parade that would have included about 50 marching units. Mother Nature was more cooperative elsewhere in the state, as parades and programs slated by other posts went on as scheduled.

Post 304, Jim Thorpe, Pa., is keeping alive a tradition of conducting holiday services in memory of America's former warriors. Legionnaires there are thought to be the only veterans group in their part of the state to hold services. Veterans Day 1985 took on another dimension as Jack Shepherd of Ontario, Canada, was guest speaker at a special program held at local schools. Shepherd is a veteran of Allied Forces of World War II.



Stephen R. Gregg, a Medal of Honor recipient and member of Post 165, Bayonne, N.J., on behalf of all veterans accepted a proclamation from city officials of Jer-

sey City, N.J., on Veterans Day. More than 250 veterans, Gold Star Mothers and community leaders attended.

The ceremony took on a different twist, as natives from France, Italy, South Korea, Philippines and England stepped forward to express their gratitude to servicemen and women who defended their countries during times of war.

ow do you celebrate your 40th birthday? Post 396, Garden City, Mich., did it with a dinner and dance. And the post had a lot of well-wishers on hand.

Rep. William D. Ford of Michigan read a tribute to the post that he had entered into the Congressional Record. Rep. William Keith of Michigan presented Post Cmdr. Alex Henderson and Auxiliary President Barbara Lambert with a citation from the state. Kudos also came from Garden City officials, who declared Oct. 13-19 as American Legion Post 396's 40th Anniversary Week.



LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MONTH



Charlie Carmin

HARLIE CARMIN of Ellinwood, Kan., retired from the Marines in 1980 and since then has been a driving force for Hines-Gossman Post 320, building membership, enthusiasm, and improving the post's home.

"They've been going great balls of fire down there and it's primarily because of his leadership as post commander," said Dept. Adjutant Charles Yunker.

In those five years, Carmin moved post meetings from a cramped basement to more spacious, temporary quarters. He started Bingo in 1981, and two years ago took over the post's financial reins to organize and conduct special patriotic and community events.

Income from the community events was sufficient for the post to buy outright two acres of land and the vacant Santa Fe Railroad Depot, which post members are renovating for a permanent Legion home.

Carmin moved the post from payday-to-payday struggles to functioning effectively with financial security. Simultaneously, he started a SAL squadron in 1984 that earned a citation for doubling its membership. He spends more time renovating the depot than any other member, locates some 30 new members each year, cooks at all post feeds, attends patriotic events, and works with children and youth activities. Most important, his enthusiasm is spreading to the rest of the post.

"Post members are enthusiastic," said Yunker, "and it's got to be because of his leadership."

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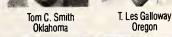
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The post occasionally hosts enlisted crews of U.S. Navy ships in port at Corpus Christi and that friendship was extended to the crew of a visiting English ship.

Before the British crewmembers left the post home, post officers gave them the set of horns that had hung in the members' lounge. The next day, Legionnaires were delighted to see their gift gracing the bow of the ship as it sailed from port.

Consistently one of the Top Ten Posts in the Department of Texas, the post has the distinction of achieving 35 years of consecutive "All-Time Highs" in membership, in addition to its famous barbecues and a congressional citation for its hospitality to visiting U.S. ships.

Barbecues, sausage suppers, fish fries and steak dinners have been regular occurrences for Post 364 since 1951 when it received a permanent charter. At that time, the post home was in a rural areahence its "country" name—and had many members of Czech heritage—hence the popularity of its Czech sausage suppers.

With its membership exceeding 1,300 each year, the post has retained a reputation for its feasts and generates part of its annual revenue by catering barbecues and dinners. Members serve 600 to 1,000 customers at monthly fish fries, which have become so popular that takeout service is provided for drive-through customers.

A barbecue each Veterans Day draws 1,200 to 1,500 persons, with World War I veterans eating free. In September, there is a free sausage dinner for all

members who have paid their next year's dues. The post pays the dues for World War I veterans.

Twice a year, there are "worker parties" where members who have worked on a certain number of projects during the past six months are rewarded with steak dinners.

But Post 364 isn't just a place for good food. The members help the Salvation Army and other civic groups with fundraising activities. The Legionnaires provide adult support for local NJROTC groups, donate the hall for Boy Scout meetings, present flags to schools and other groups and support youth sports organizations.

Other programs include a loan closet from which the post loans rehabilitation equipment to veterans; post coordination with the Mayor's Veterans Committee to establish a fund to pay for emergency ambulance service for veterans needing treatment at the San Antonio VA hospital 150 miles away; and weekly bingo parties. Post Legionnaires also contribute to the "coffee fund," which provides free coffee for veterans awaiting treatment at a Corpus Christi outpatient clinic.

The post sponsored 10 delegates and, with the department, co-sponsored 10 other delegates to Boys State in 1985. The post's color guard leads most of the downtown parades in Corpus Christi and the seven-man funeral detail is called on almost weekly to conduct military funerals. The detail, which has received numerous citations, also serves as honor guard for the Mayor's Veterans Committee.

Jimmy D. Lemley, Dept. Adjutant, noting that Post 364 has produced several district and division commanders and members who serve on department committees, said, "This post is long overdue for a 'pat on the back."

He said the City of Corpus Christi may always rely on the post for assistance, not only on patriotic holidays, but also on occasions when the city wants to promote its community.

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Q. I am having difficulty making payments on a VA guaranteed home loan. What would happen if I stopped making the payments?

Failure to make payments on the loan may lead to foreclosure and loss of your home. In addition, if the government is required to pay a claim as the result of failure to repay the loan, you would become indebted to the government for the amount of any such claim

• Are there any circumstances under which a veteran may qualify for an extension of eligibility for education benefits under the GI Bill?

If a veteran was prevented from using education benefits because of disability during the 10-year period of eligibility, an extension may be possible. Application for benefits must be made within one year from the date the disability ceased to exist, or within one year of the original ending date.

• I am a veteran receiving improved pension benefits. What effect, if any, will employment have on my pension?

Your pension benefits will be reduced dollar-for-dollar by any earnings or income that you receive from other sources. Also, a new determination may be required regarding your basic eligibility for pension, depending on the nature and extent of the employment and your age.

Q. Can a non-veteran assume a GI loan?

VA approval is not required before a veteran or non-veteran assumes a GI home loan. However, the veteranseller will continue to be liable in the

case of a loan default, unless the buyer is a credit-worthy obligor who is acceptable to the VA.

Q. I served in Vietnam in 1969. I think I may have some problems related to Agent Orange exposure. Does the VA have any programs that can assist me?

Veterans who served in Vietnam may be eligible for health care services for illnesses or disabilities that might be related to Agent Orange exposure. You should contact the nearest VA medical facility or outpatient clinic to determine your eligibility. VA also has a continuing program for examining veterans who served in Vietnam and who are concerned about the possible health effects of Agent Orange. You may request an examination by contacting your nearest VA medical center or outpatient clinic.

I am a former Korean War veteran who was captured and held for 12 months by the North Koreans. I understand a new law was passed that makes former POWs eligible for special benefits and services. Is this correct?

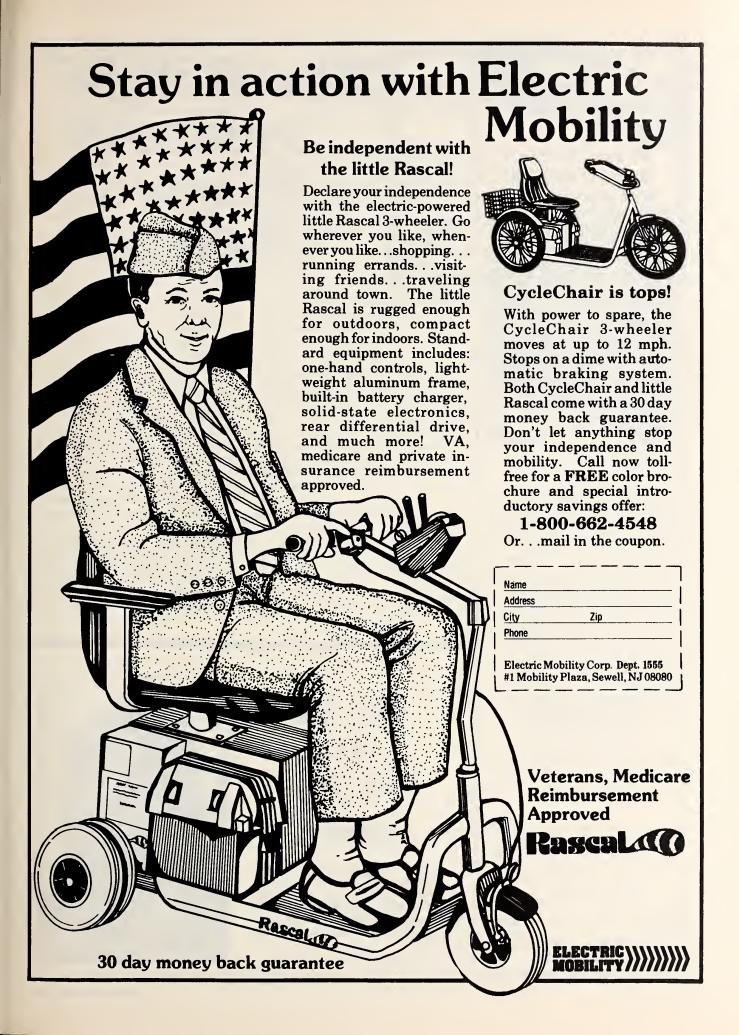
Yes. Public Law 97-37, the "Former Prisoners of War Benefits Act," makes it easier for former POWs who were held for 30 days or more to establish entitlement of compensation for certain disabilities. Call the nearest VA regional office for additional information.

• What are the basic benefits of the new GI bill?

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In northwest Africa, a Soviet dilemma is created by the West Sahara war. United in a socialist Polisario Front, desert nomads have been fighting for nine years to free the Western Sahara from Moroccan rule. Armed with Soviet military vehicles from nearby socialist Algeria, the Front is a formidable mobile force. Though favoring the Front, the Soviets are trying with economic aid to stop Morocco from becoming violently anti-Soviet.

Over in northeast Africa are two longtime civil wars, where the USSR has changed sides in midstream. For 33 years the Moslems of Eritrea have fought for independence from Christian Ethiopia. As long as pro-American Haile Selassie remained emperor of Ethiopia, the USSR armed the Eritrean Moslems. Then in 1974, Marxist army officers overthrew Selassie and created an anti-American regime. Soon Soviet munitions and military advisers were pouring into Ethiopia, while the USSR quietly abandoned the Moslem rebels.

Bordering Ethiopia is the Sudan, largest in area of all African countries. For 20 years the black Christian minority in the south has fought against oppression by the majority of Arab Moslems in the north. At first, the Soviet Union armed the Moslem government for this civil war, which has taken two million lives. Then an attempted communist coup soured Sudanese-Soviet relations. Now, Libya and Ethiopia supply Soviet arms to the Christian rebels.

East of Africa, Moslems and Christians have been battling 10 years for control of tiny Lebanon.

Not so clear is Kremlin policy toward the five-year frontier war between Arab socialist Iraq and fanatic Islamic Iran. Soviet arms are sold directly to Iraq, while Libya, South Yemen and communist North Korea have sent \$1.5 billion worth of Soviet weapons to Khomeini's Iran. Apparently Moscow wants Iran-Iraq carnage to continue, disrupting the flow of Persian Gulf oil to NATO Europe and U.S. ally, Japan.

For these 13 Soviet-supported wars on three continents, the Soviets are arming about 1.9 million regular and guerrilla troops. Casualties are great but not among the Soviets, except for an occasional military adviser caught in crossfire. At the moment, no Soviet-supplied troops are winning great victories, but neither are they losing.

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Q. Then others got on the bandwagon?

Not quite yet. I think people considered it some kind of a puzzling apparition. But then we got involved in Baltimore . . .

Q. And isn't that an even bigger success story?

Yes, because it turned around the entire city. In 1952, Baltimore was a tired, disspirited deteriorating city. A study made of its future concluded that "Unless radical action is taken, the municipal corporation faces bankruptcy within a generation." A handful of young men moved to initiate that radical action, beginning with the formation of a leadership group called the Greater Baltimore Committee.

The committee established a planning council to study the 500 acres of downtown. It was a discouraging experience. The planners found not a single downtown business that planned to expand at the center of the city. The 500-acre plan was deferred and a program made for the largest, most dramatic and do-able project that could be proposed. The plan called for the demolition of 22 blocks at the very heart of the city, except for three major buildings. The area was to be rebuilt as Charles Center, with offices, apartments, shops, a theater, public squares, skywalks, parking-truly a new center city.

Q. What about Baltimore's inner harbor?

That came next. While Charles Center was still under way, a new mayor called in the committee to say that we must recapture the water-front—a ramshackle, tumbling, ratinfested mess of abandoned frame docks, a few sailor's bars, lonely streets and stinking water. So a big bold plan was put together for the 250 acres around the Inner Harbor and Charles Center.

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Why did the Baltimore projects work out so well while others, such as Detroit's Renaissance Center, did not?

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. What about your New City of Columbia, Md.-is that kind of grand project an alternative to rebuilding our older cities?

No, I would say it's more an alter-A. native to suburban sprawl, with many worthwhile lessons of its own. It was in 1963 when we set out to build Columbia with financing from a life insurance company. We acquired 165 farms, 14,000 acres of land in Howard County, midway between Baltimore and Washington, for a city of 100,000 people. The company knew that it did not know enough to build a city, so it brought together a work group of 14 people: social scientists, educators, doctors, ministers-people who knew about people. They were asked to talk about what would be the best possible educational system, the best health system, how churches could be more effective in relating man to God, to talk about causes of loneliness, unhappiness, defeat, the sources of creativity, personal initiative and community well-being.

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ing: "In Western Europe and the United States, for example, civil and political rights such as freedom of speech, voting and due process are of prime concern. In Eastern European countries, economic rights such as the right to work, to form trade unions, to strike and to take vacations are considered essential." Now never mind the questionable concept of teaching that freedom of speech is comparable to the right to take a vacation. That is dubious enough. But where is it in Eastern Europe, under the voke of Soviet communism that one

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finds the rights described? Lech Walesa, for one, will certainly be interested in knowing he has the right to form a trade union and to strike.

We must realize that such views, as wrong-headed as they are, will prevail if they go unchallenged. While the love of freedom may spring forth naturally from the hearts and minds of the American people, and of all people everywhere, it is not spontaneously comprehended by the young. The appreciation and perpetuation of our free government must be nurtured—in our schools, churches and families.

At one time, such a suggestion may have been stating the obvious. The assumption of most parents was that the values of American democracy were essential parts of their children's curriculum. What my opening anecdotes suggest is that in some cases this may no longer be true. But regardless of what may be going on in terms of freedom, we have a clear picture of what is not going on in terms of teaching history. Recently, the National Endowment for the Humanities commissioned a survey of 17-year old students, which measured their knowledge of American history. Here are some of the findings:

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- One-third did not know the Declaration of Independence was signed between 1750 and 1800.
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This lack of basic knowledge may be related to the fact that the teachers of our students may have graduated from a college or university with a bachelor's degree without having ever studied any American literature or history—72 percent of the nation's colleges do not require such study.

Without a basic grounding during undergraduate years, teachers are more and more captive of the textbook-driven curriculum in elementary and secondary schools. And as I have pointed out, some of these textbooks have very interesting interpretations of life in the Soviet Union, not to mention a highly skewed vision of life in America.

So, what should we be doing for our children? It's not enough to insist that values be taught, that textbooks demand closer scrutiny, that our children be inoculated from the evils of communism. We must be aware of the primary importance of transmitting to our children the best that our Western, Judeo-Christian tradition has to offer. "Back to Basics" should mean back to the classics, to those well-springs of our moral and constitutional tradition.

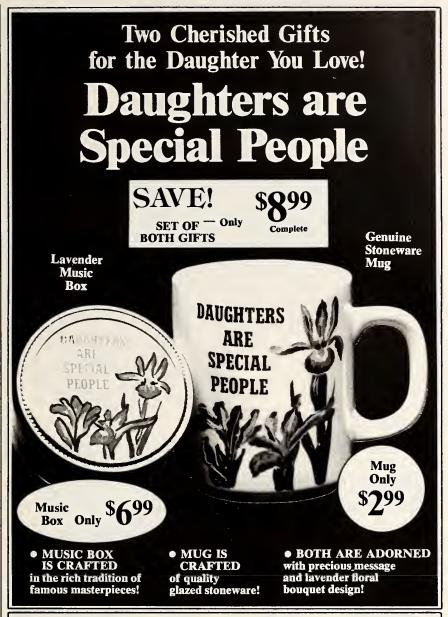
Our heritage must be consciously transmitted if it is to be preserved: An appreciation of our system of government is inextricably linked with the pursuit of truth, the importance of a good life—in short, with the distinction between what is noble and what is base, what is true and what is false.

There are clearly many ways that we might begin to point out these differences to our children. One is to point to the millions of immigrants to our country—men, women and young people like themselves, who have voted with their feet, who have chosen the West and the United States, knowing what life is like in the clutches of a totalitarian society. A recent and compelling case is that of Walter Polaychak.

Walter has the distinction of defecting when he was 12-years old by refusing to return to the Soviet Union with his parents. It was clear to Walter at this early age that life in the United States was preferable to life in the Soviet Union. Here's what he has to say to those who do not see the difference morally between the United States and the Soviet Union:

"It's hard to explain to Americans what it's like inside the USSR...You've got to experience it to understand it. Here's the idea: In this country, my America, I could go to any city I wanted without being bothered by the author-

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ities. I could go to church. I don't need an internal passport. It's real hard to explain to Americans what it's like in a place where you don't have those rights." (The Washington Post, Oct. 3, 1985)

Walter said in a recent interview how he was punished in the Soviet Union for being a "believer"-he and his family were Ukrainian Catholics. Because he was observed attending services, he was punished at school by having to recite rules of Lenin, scrub floors and remove graffiti. Walter was so clearly determined to stay in the United States that he even threatened to give up his life if he were sent back to the Soviet Union.

Let us return to the experience of that substitute teacher confronting the "moral equivalence" issue in his high school class. Of the poll he took among the students that day, there was one major voice of dissent—one from among those 53 students who knew the difference between freedom and tyranny: one child, a Vietnamese boat child, who had seen the face of the beast up close and would no doubt never be confused about the relative merits of freedom and slavery.

Our schools must begin to take some positive steps to make the case for America, the case for freedom. We must challenge the vapid notion of "moral equivalence." Clearly, we must insist on a return to the teaching of American history, at both the secondary and undergraduate levels. And such study should be grounded in the examination of original sources like the Declaration, the Constitution, as well as great speeches of American statesmen.

By giving our students access to our founding documents, we contribute to their understanding and therefore give them cause for allegiance. By acquainting them with the heritage of America and its basis in a universal truth—that "all men are created equal"—we give them a sense of America's strength.

Lessons in patriotism are more than academic study-they are the pillars of allegiance. We can go forward in confidence, as we join forces in the common responsibility to perpetuate these democratic institutions that we have inherited. The words of our great men and women can serve us well in this effort. Each of you-go back to our historytake our children there. There is our call. We must teach our children to love the things we love and to honor the things we honor—nothing else will do.

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I don't want to brag, but here it is February and I've kept every one of my New Year's resolutions. I've kept them in a manila folder in the back of my desk.

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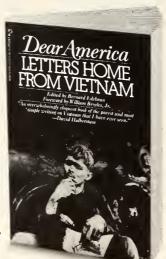
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Name an urban challenge today, and you can find a public-private partnership trying to deal with it. Convention centers, transit malls, new city parks and theatres and museums—inevitably they spring from intense government-business cooperation, with the business sector throwing in both dollars and executive time.

From Pittsburgh to San Francisco, corporations have offered hundreds of man hours to help reform lethargic city bureaucracies. Each year seems to produce increasingly imaginative partnerships. An entirely fresh development plan for downtown Denver, adding

THE TWO WORLDS... SCARCELY SPEAK TO EACH OTHER. >>

pedestrian-scale values and tying downtown's massive office tower development to the needs of surrounding neighborhoods, has been drawn up by the business-based Denver Partnership in conjunction with neighborhood groups and the city government. To the east, there's the "Boston Compact" under which Boston's blue chip companies agree that if the public schools in fact improve their "product" by turning out better qualified students, the companies will guarantee jobs to those graduates-often black and Hispanic youngsters otherwise likely to swell the jobless rolls. And in Indianapolis, the Lilly Endowment is helping the town bid to become the amateur sports capital of the world.

On the housing front, a tour through our cities today will show you hundreds of community-based groups rehabilitating old apartments and townhouses, as often as not aided by such brand new entities as developer James Rouse's Enterprise Foundation, which uses both corporate and foundation dollars to house "the poorest of the poor."

The need for such partnerships is immense. We are learning in the '80s about the Split City—half affluent, half poor; half working class, half profes-

sional; oftentimes half white, half black or Hispanic or Asian. In America's cities today, in incredibly close proximity, you will find glittering wealth and deep poverty, opulent homes and homeless street people, great universities and blackboard jungle schools.

In Philadelphia, for example, they talk of the "schizophrenic city." On the one hand it's "a catchment basin of poverty," observed University of Pennsylvania planner-academician Theodore Hershburg. One in five citizens of the city that gave birth to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution today lives in poverty. Visit the black ghetto of North Philadelphia and you will find immense deprivation. But in a great arc sweeping up from the Delaware River through the historic district to City Hall, you can see and feel compelling signs of health and vitality and great change for the better. So sophisticated is that part of Philadelphia that many liken it to London. A new managerial class is taking over. Indeed, said Hershburg. "If you're educated and socialized and entrepreneurial, this is a terrific time and a terrific place." But "if you're not," he added, "you're going to have a tough time of it" in the Philadelphia of the '80s.

The Wall Street Journal found a poignant reflection of the same split in Pittsburgh. The scene is Pittsburgh's south side where a single, shared brick wall separates an upper-class restaurant from a blue-collar bar. The upperclass patrons are smartly dressed; some arrive in Mercedes Benzes. They take their seats amid lace curtains and polished oak furnishings and ponder handscripted menus featuring roast duck aux poires and veal escallop. Next door at the blue-collar bar, a television set casts a glow over a musty interior. The regulars come in wearing T-shirts and work pants. The owner greets them by their first names and pours them the 80-cent specialty of the house—a shot and a beer.

The two worlds, on sharply differing cultural and economic wavelengths, scarcely speak to each other. The problem is that the rough income equivalence of the '40s through the '70s, when factory income provided a comfortable middle-class living, is being destroyed. The young urban professionals—the socalled "yuppies"—continue to prosper. But the steelworkers are no longer pulling down \$25,000 or \$30,000 a year. Today a huge number of them are unemployed and down on their luck.

Even Baltimore, that old lunch pail town that's developed so positively that today it's a sheer joy to walk through its downtown and neighborhoods, remains a place beset by grave problems. There are high crime, high pov-Continued on page 64



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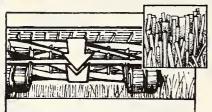
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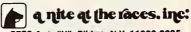
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erty, high school dropout, teen-age pregnancy and illegitimacy rates. Population has dropped steadily; suburban Maryland looks and sees a black majority city and reacts with suspicion.

But before discounting Baltimore's revival, you have to remember where it came from. In the years after World War II, it was in fact one of the dreariest, most run down of all American cities. I was there in the Army in the '50s and I remember-a crowded, ugly, blue-collar city with hardly an iota of glamor about it. Baltimoreans understood that: they denigrated their hometown more

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cruelly than others could do it for them.

Yet with the seeds of rebirth planted in the '50s, Baltimore has undergone a fantastic change. The city where not a single new office building had gone up in 30 years has since added 70 major structures. The city everyone despised has become the Cinderella City of the '70s. Its popular Inner Harbor draws millions upon millions of visitors. The Rouse Company's Harborplace Project has what seems to be the highest persquare-foot retail sales in the United States. The new Science Museum, the National Aquarium, the Pride of Baltimore clipper, a new symphony hall and an excellent convention center have joined the constellation of Baltimore attractions. A new rapid transit system opened its first leg in 1983. The splendid old Lexington Market, one of the world's greatest farmers markets, has been expanded and improved.

But note what lies behind this: first, development of a coterie of dedicated citizens demanding change, who stuck to their civic agenda for literally decades. Second, a business community that learned to cooperate on one crucial project after another. And finally, a strong city government that pushed and pushed for fresh development. Mayor William Donald Schaefer is one of the heaviesthitting promoters any city has ever had. Though he's white in a 55 percent black city, he was renominated in 1983 with 70 percent of the vote over a major black opponent. He got 93 percent of the vote in the general election.

And why? Because he included the neighborhoods in his redevelopment plans. You can scarcely find a block in Baltimore, no matter how bad the slum, where some houses are not under rehabilitation. And the positive feelings in the neighborhoods have in turn cre-

ated a constituency for bond drives to back up center city revitalization.

Its severe social problems notwithstanding, Baltimore now has in place the civic culture, the broad-based partnerships that will enable it to deal with problems over the years to come. From the school reforms to finding more business for black entrepreneurs, that process has already begun.

But what, say the skeptics, will happen to those cities-Baltimore chief among them-that became "federal aid junkies" on every program from general revenue sharing to urban development action grants? Won't they simply shrivel up as more and more federal aid

is withdrawn?

No, is my answer. Of course the federal grant programs were immensely helpful. Unquestionably, state governments will have to pick up some of the slack for what the "feds" no longer will do. There's been help from Washington-in the form of tax breaks, especially for historic preservation, sparking literally billions of dollars in rehabilitation of old city buildings.

But in the long run, cities will flourish by advertising themselves not as economic basket cases or welfare reservations, but rather as places of revival, growth and promise, the linchpins of their areas' economies, centers of high finance, beacons of tourism and conventions, havens of the lively arts and historic sites, good eating and spunky night life.

I like what Dennis Rash, the very imaginative banker and city housing redeveloper from Charlotte's North Carolina National Bank, had to say about loss of federal aid. Shall we, Rash asked, simply close shop, slap the briefcase shut, abandon the city projects? No, he replied. We must simply become more resourceful and more imaginative. And he quoted Nietzsche: "The things that do not destroy us make us strong.'

My bet is that today's American city is resilient enough to make the transition. But when it does, will the poor get to share in the rewards? In a way, the urban revival of our times will be an aborted dream until they do. The question today is not whether the city survives but how, and for whom.



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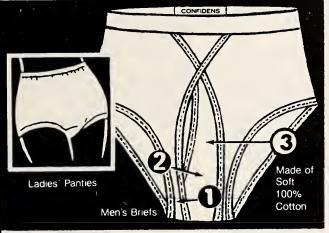
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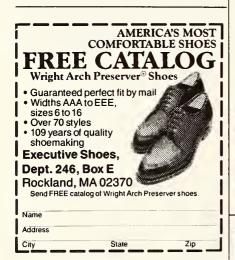
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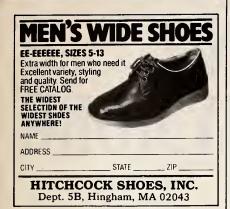
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I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER ANYMORE

By Gary Turbak

T STARTS with little things: forgetting the name of an old friend or how to balance the checkbook. "Senility" we used to call it. An elderly person becomes unable to cope with daily life. Eventually, he loses grip on reality. That's normal, everyone says. Nothing can be done about it.

Scientists now know that about half of all "senility" is the result of Alzheimer's disease. And someday something will be done about it. Though major breakthroughs have been elusive, researchers continue to dedicate themselves to unraveling the mysteries of Alzheimer's. Now and then, glimmers of hope shine through, and as the disease gains prominence, more help becomes available for Alzheimer's victims and their families.

In the past decade, Alzheimer's disease-named for the German neurologist who discovered it in 1906—has emerged as one of the most significant medical problems of the century. More than 2 million Americans have Alzheimer's, and 120,000 die from it each year. It can attack people in their 40s, but most victims are over 65, and it's estimated that half of all nursing home residents suffer from Alzheimer's. One out of five Americans may eventually get it. "As life expectancy and the average age of the population rises, more people will get Alzheimer's, and it has the potential to become an epidemic," said

Gary Turbak, an award-winning freelance journalist, writes health articles for this and other general-interest magazines. The anguish of Alzheimer's disease affects both victims and families alike.
But recent advances offer a glimmer of hope.

neurosurgeon Robert Harbaugh, an Alzheimer's researcher at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire.

Though it begins with minor forgetfulness, Alzheimer's disease soon impairs a victim's judgment and turns routine tasks—such as shaving or cooking—into major undertakings. Disorientation and personality changes may follow. Later, a victim may not recognize his spouse or even his own face in the mirror. He likely will become unable to dress, feed and care for himself. He may lose control of all bodily functions. The disease is irreversible and always fatal, although a victim may live for 15 years after symptoms begin.

Sometimes, the disease may take odd turns in its otherwise steady progression. A person who can't find his home from three blocks away may remember four verses to an old song. One golfing victim of Alzheimer's could not keep score, frequently forgot which direction his ball had gone, and often teed off twice on the same hole. Yet, he always selected the proper club, displayed perfect golf etiquette, and tossed around golfing terms—par, bogey, birdie—with total accuracy.

Answers to the agonizing mystery of Alzheimer's disease remain locked inside its victims. There are no blood tests, x-rays, or other examinations to detect the disease. Consequently, a diagnosis of Alzheimer's usually is reached only after all other possibilities have been eliminated. Only an autopsy can reveal for certain that a patient suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

A post-mortem typically shows a brain's nerve cells riddled with abnormal and sometimes twisted and hardened protein fibers. Usually, the more such fibers a brain has, the more severe the symptoms had been. Somehow, the diseased nerves disrupt normal electrochemical signals, creating a cacophony of garbled transmissions within the brain.

ECAUSE more than 100 other maladies can mimic the disease's symptoms, no one should panic at the first sign of memory loss. "Everyone occasionally misplaces things or forgets a phone number," said Harbaugh. "There's no need for concern until a memory problem begins to interfere with your activities. Once the problem becomes significant, however, you should see a physician immediately. Although there's no cure for Alzheimer's, many other causes of memory loss are easily treated."

No one knows yet what causes Alzheimer's disease, but researchers have suggested several possibilities: a slow-acting virus; aluminum contamination (victims typically have a high level of this metal in their brain tissue); chemical imbalances within the brain; a defect in the body's immunological system; and heredity.

The picture is far from clear. No Alzheimer's virus has ever been iso-

lated. No causal link to aluminum has been proved. And although the disease sometimes occurs in several members of the same family, it also strikes thousands with no family history of Alzheimer's. "There's almost certainly more than one cause,' explained Harbaugh. "It may be that some people have a genetic predisposition to develop Alzheimer's disease, but that a virus or toxin actually triggers it." Researchers agree, however, that Alzheimer's is not contagious and is not caused by hardening of the arteries, as was once thought, or by using aluminum beverage cans or cookware.

Scientists in search of a cure have looked at everything from increasing the brain's blood supply to limiting aluminum intake. The most successful experiments have focused on altering brain chemistry.

The brains of Alzheimer's victims are deficient in a vital chemical called acetylcholine. In experiments currently under way, doctors are providing the brain with a substitute for acetylcholine by implanting a pump in the patient's abdomen, drilling a small

HREE of four patients in the experiment reported significant improvement. One woman resumed doing household chores that had become impossible for her. A man began driving a car again.

hole in the skull, and connecting the two with a tube under the skin. The pump, which can be refilled with an injection, supplies the brain with the chemical it lacks. In the first such test, three of four patients in the experiment reported significant improvement.

One woman resumed doing household chores that had become impossible for her, and a man began driving a car again. The technique, however, is still experimental. "We're very excited about the results thus far," said Harbaugh, "but much more work needs to be done." Currently, available treatments are directed at helping the patient and his family cope with the disease. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services suggested that families of Alzheimer's victims do the following:

• Establish an orderly home with regular activity patterns in which common items are easy to find.

• Label household items—the word "Stove" taped to the kitchen range, for example—and post instructions for using appliances.

• Encourage a daily routine, including physical activities and social contacts.

• Challenge the victim to do a little more than he thinks he is capable of doing.

• Stimulate the victim's mind with such things as conversation, hobbies, and travel, even if only to the supermarket.

• Consider administering prescribed drugs to prevent unnecessary anxiety and to improve sleeping habits.

• Simplify the victim's sensory input. Discuss only one topic at a time and have no more than two guests at once.

• Prepare for the time when the loved one may need the professional care offered only in an institution.

Meanwhile, families may learn more about the disease by writing to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, 360 North Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60601. Many spouses and children of Alzheimer's victims are finding aid and comfort in the support groups that have sprung up around the country.

Currently, although there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease, the scientific community has launched a massive research effort that already has hinted at breakthroughs. With luck, this dreaded scourge of the nation's elderly will someday retreat before advancing science the way smallpox, polio, and other killers have done.

THIS ARTICLE CONTAINS GENERAL MEDICAL INFORMATION AND ADVICE. ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION IS BELIEVED TO BE ACCURATE, YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR PHYSICIAN FOR MEDICAL ADVICE CONCERNING YOUR PARTICULAR CONDITION.



SEEKING HELP—When memory loss becomes progressively worse, unnecessary anxiety or despair may be avoided by consulting with the family doctor. Although there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease, many other causes of memory loss respond to treatment.



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He Had To Study

It's a well-known fact that Abraham Lincoln had a very difficult time getting an education—but what can you expect from a fellow who didn't play basketball or football?

— Kris Lee

Ignore Strangers

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-George Bergman

No Charge for Sand

Tourist, sitting on the beach at a resort, to wife: "You know what I figured out? Every time one of those waves comes in, it costs us 59 cents!"

 $-Oliver\ Frazier$

Brain Strain

You can judge your age by the amount of pain you feel when you come in contact with a new idea.

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